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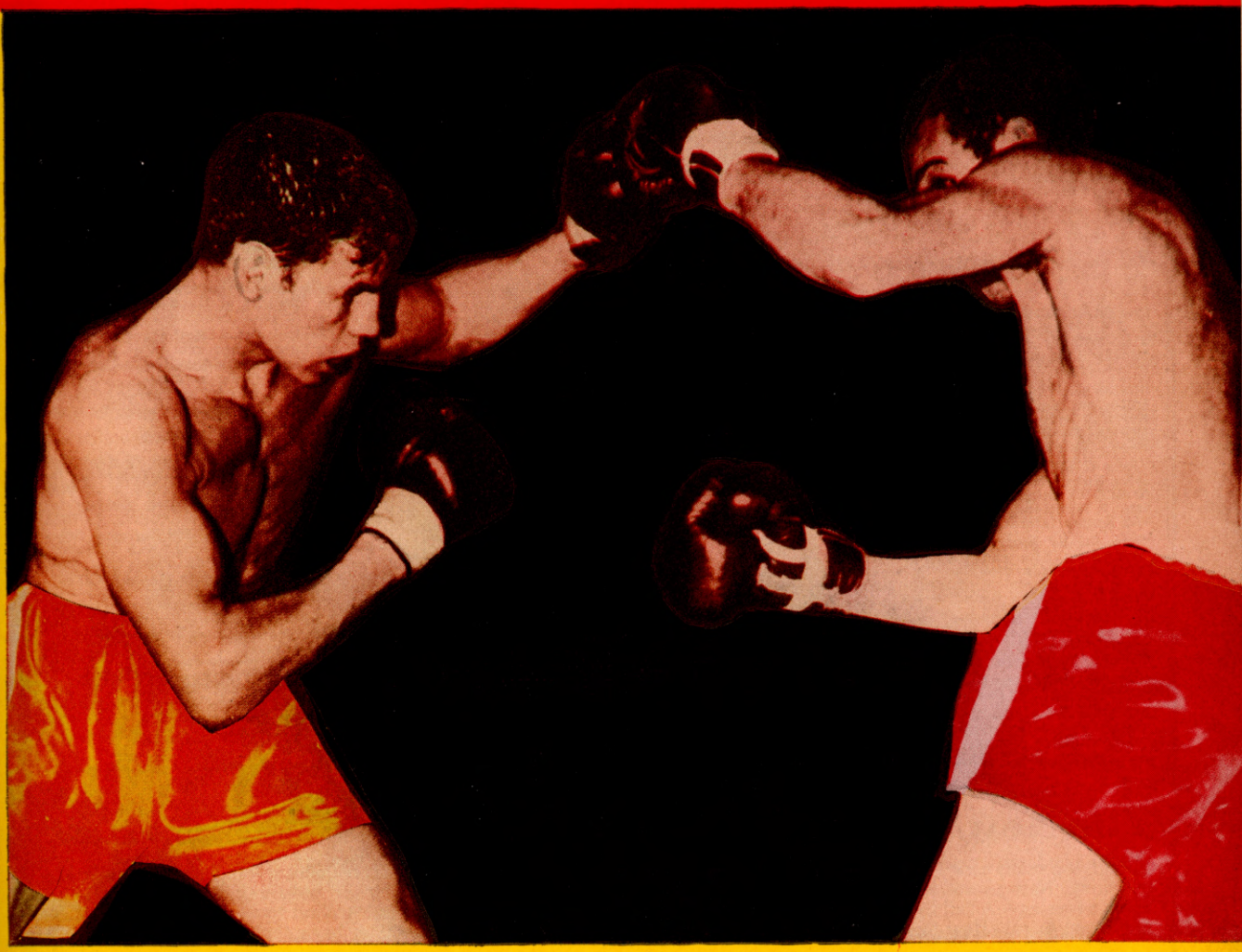

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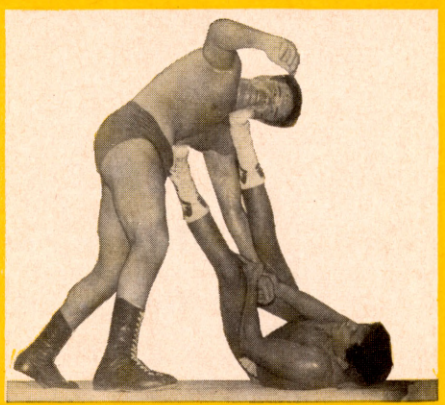

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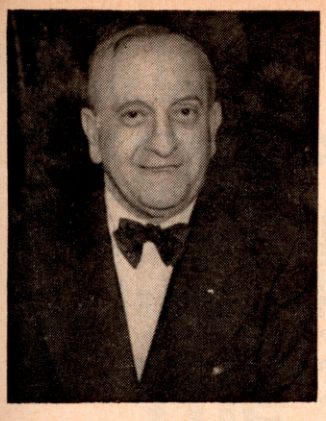

NAT FLEISCHER

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BOXING interest gained in momentum during the past month despite the unhealthy conditions which were unearthed during the Kefauver Senate investigation. Whether the investigation brings about Federal control of boxing will not be known until after the committee completes its work but one thing is certain—boxing will benefit to the extent that hoodlums who worked their way into control of top fighters and forced their attention on matchmakers and promoters, will find it more difficult to ply their nefarious trade. They will be wary of interfering with those who refuse to be intimidated. They realize that fooling with government officials is far more serious than tackling State appointees.

Federal control to the extent of licensing all who in any capacity engage in inter-state boxing has been suggested by several members of the Senate committee who point out that working under the watchful eyes of a government agency will tighten control of the sport and that few unsavory characters will take any chances of becoming involved in a Federal crime. That, of course, is one solution to the problem but we do not think it is of sufficient strength to combat the evils.

What the sport needs most is unanimity of regulations. There are too many rules that guide the various commissions with the result that a chaotic condition exists throughout the country. The elimination of political incompetents would help considerably put the sport on a firmer basis. Too many States are loaded with commissioners and deputies whose knowledge of boxing and boxers is insufficient to cope with the serious situation that confronts the sport.

As has so often been said, the American Commissions do not work harmoniously as do those from foreign countries. In Europe and in the Orient regulations passed by the EBU and the Asiatic Federation of Boxing are strictly adhered to by all members. At no time does a member of either organization ignore a ruling such as is done so frequently in the National Boxing Association in our country.

If, for example, the NBA and those States which are not members abided by a code that would bind all States to honor all suspensions and revocations of licenses, there would be no need for Federal investigations. In no part of Europe could a fighter, promoter, matchmaker or manager ply his trade if banned in any one country. The edict would stand throughout Europe.

This stand-pat policy of foreign boxing moguls is what has prevented such scandal abroad as we have suffered in America. There is nothing that a National commission of boxing control could do that cannot be done better by the various state commissions providing politics, petty jealousies and favoritism were eliminated.

If the Kefauver committees' hearings have accomplished nothing more than to bring to light stronger than ever the abominable conditions existing in boxing, the public must feel thankful to the Southern Senator and his capable legal advisors for the work they have accomplished.

A GOOD OMEN

The turnout at the recent Basilio-Ortega fight was a good omen. It proved that the public will attend a boxing program in which popular boxers are paired, despite home television. That Carmen Basilio still commands the respect of the fight patrons and can draw well despite his short-comings compared to the fighting qualities he possessed a few years ago, was evident from the applause he received both before and after his victorious comeback in Madison Square Garden. His performance against Ortega was not a great one but it did convince the spectators that as a middleweight he still has sufficient left to cope with the majority of the top men in the division.

Though his comeback was made with the intention of going after the welterweight crown again, Carmen found himself in a position where he barely made the middleweight limit. As a matter of fact, when he entered the ring he scaled 162 pounds as the result of which he has definitely given up the hope of campaigning as a welterweight.

The great tribute he received, a standing ovation by almost 9,000 spectators, indicated the esteem in which Carmen is held by the fight public. Should "Sugar" Ray lose his next battle to Gene Fullmer in Las Vegas, a Robinson-Basilio return bout would undoubtedly fill Madison Square Garden and would be a good way of ending the career of both "Sugar" Ray and Carmen, each of whom has passed his peak and is ready for retirement.

The big gathering in the Garden, the largest in many moons, set the three leading promoters in the United States into quick action to obtain Basilio's services. The Garden wants him to fight again in the House that Tex built; Sam Silverman seeks his services for the Boston Garden; Jack Barrett wants him to fight in Buffalo against Joey Giambra and George Parnassus is hot on Carmen's trail for a fight with either Gene Fullmer or Robinson in Los Angeles.

"It is all up to my wife," says Carmen. I would like to continue to fight but she is opposed."

But if left to the public, his admirers who welcomed him so vociferously in the Garden, they would like to see Carmen hang up his gloves. He no longer has what it takes to face a sturdy opponent for fifteen rounds. He's a magnet at the box office and can earn plenty should he postpone his retirement indefinitely despite the advice of his wife and closest friends.

The danger of permanent injury however is too great a risk when fighting as a middleweight in which class he definately belongs as indicated by his failure to make the weight for the Ortega bout in which he had a weight advantage of more than ten pounds. There never will be a better time than now for popular Carmen to pack in and call it quits. He has no future in further ring competition than to face mediocre boxers or take his chances on severe punishment from the top men in the middleweight class where his big purses can be obtained.

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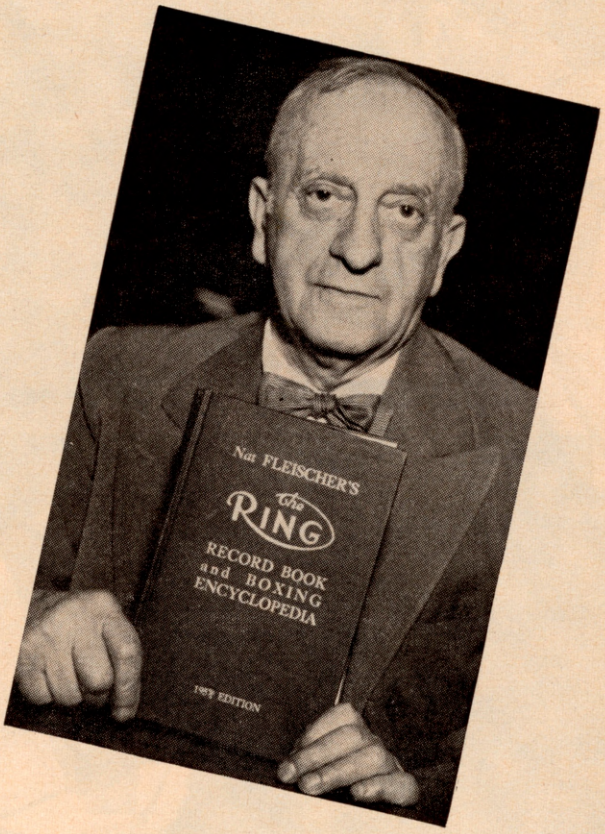

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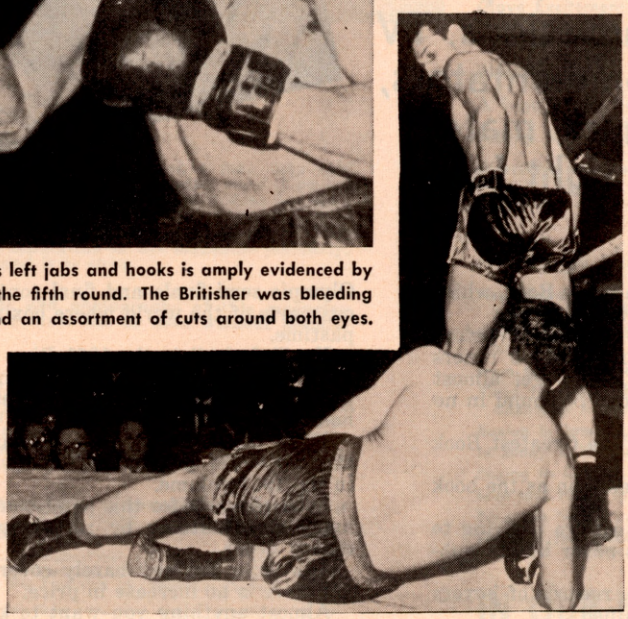


For a few fleeting moments in first round, it looked as though Pender would be a quick victor. He dropped Downes with right to chin, but Terry recovered and made gallant fight from then on.

By BILLY WILLIAMS

BOSTON (Ringside Special to The Ring)—Britishers, challenging for world championships in American rings, have met with little—in fact, NO—success in recent years.

A losing "cycle of three" began when Don Cockell, bidding for the heavyweight title, was beaten by Rocky Marciano in San Francisco.

Then Dave Charnley, in question of the lightweight laurels, invaded Houston, Tex., to be turned back by Joe Brown.

The "cycle" was completed when 24-year-old Terry Downes, seeking to relieve 30-year-old Paul Pender of his rights to the disputed middleweight championship, ended up a loser when Referee Bill Connelly halted the Boston Arena bout at 0:57 of the seventh round. The Londoner was still on his feet and fighting bravely, but he was a gory sight, with blood pouring out of ugly gashes on the bridge of his nose and along both eyes.

The referee acted under instructions from the Commission physician, Dr. Francis J. Wixted, who had examined Downes in his corner after the fifth round, and again after the sixth. Connelly explained: "The doctor advised me to stop the fight if the bleeding got any worse. It did. It was getting in Downes' right eye, and he couldn't see the punches that were coming at him. He was in danger of being seriously hurt."

It was an exciting fight while it lasted, and Downes, recovering from a near-disastrous start, was making a gallant bid for Pender's share of the world title, recognized by New York, Massachusetts, Europe and all lands not affiliated with the National Boxing Association, which recognizes Gene Fullmer.

It was an unusual pairing of contestants—a Britisher with aggressive, "club-fighting" American tactics against an American with the classic British boxing style. Another interesting angle was that both Pender and Downes were ex-United States Marines. In fact, it was while serving with the leathernecks that Terry became interested in ring warfare, and he did so well in an assortment of amateur and service tournaments that after his discharge he returned to England to begin a professional career.

For a few fleeting moments in the first round it looked

as though Pender was destined for a quick triumph. Downes started at a fast pace, boring into Pender and banging away at the body. Suddenly, as the Britisher charged forward, Paul stepped in with a short right to the chin and collided with Terry as he fell backward to the canvas. The Britisher arose to one knee, shook his head to clear the "cobwebs", clambered to his feet at the count of six, and staved off Pender's furious efforts to finish him.

Downes was the aggressor in the second but suffered his first cut, nick over the right eye. Pender was making good use of his educated left hand, popping it steadily into the Britisher's face, but Terry was scoring well with lusty body punches.

The blood began to gush from the bridge of Downes' nose in the fourth when Pender scored with a series of combinations. But Terry continued to force the action.

The fifth was Downes' best round. Twice he rushed Pender to the ropes and his savage two-handed body assault had Paul wincing and clinching. On one "break", Downes clipped Pender on the chin with a left hook and drew a warning from the referee. (Hitting on breaks is allowed in England, but not in the U.S.A.)

Pender scored heavily in the sixth. His left popped a steady succession of jabs and hooks into Downes' face, and he was using his right more in assorted combinations. Although Downes was bleeding more profusely by now, he refused to waver in his attack, and succeeded in connecting with several rugged body punches.

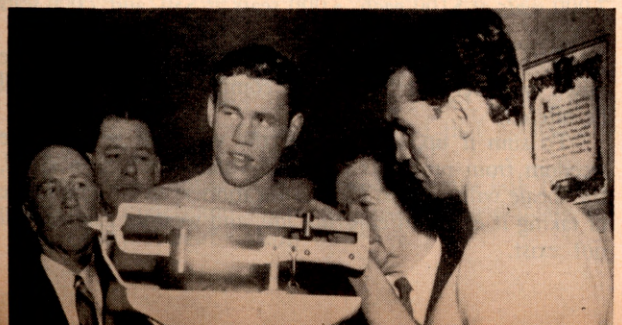
American trainer Dan Florio, hired for the occasion by Downes, was only partially able to check the flow of blood from Terry's battered features, and as the seventh round got under way it was only a matter of seconds before Pender's sharpshooting would start the gore gushing again. Paul lost no time getting his combinations working and the round had gone less than a minute when Downes was what the British correspondents would call a "bloody mess." That's when the referee intervened.

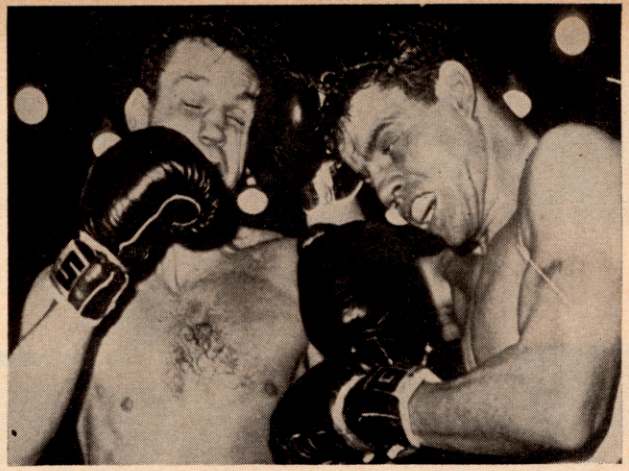
All three officials had Pender leading up to the time the bout was halted. Referee Connelly and Judge Harry Sundberg each had the scoring 59-55 while Judge Steve Salek's count was 58-55. In rounds, Pender held a 4-1-1 lead. Both rivals scaled in exactly at the middleweight limit, 160 pounds.

Because the Boston Garden was not available, the match was shifted to the much smaller Arena, but the turnout was disappointing to Promoter Sam Silverman. The attendance was announced as 5,802 and the gross receipts $32,852. Television contributed $65,000 to the cause.

Before the match here a "ghost" from his American past rose up to haunt Downes in his first visit to the United States as a professional boxer. Terry's purse for the Pender bout (approximately $15,000) was tied up until an accompanying civil suit against him can be tried, probably in February. In a bill of equity filed against Downes, Timothy J. McInerney, a Boston attorney, alleged that Terry had broken a contract signed in 1956 with Walter Cartier, former New York middleweight boxer, and Louis P. Levy of Baltimore. They claim to have advanced him $500 on the contract which stipulated they were to manage him in his professional career.

By and large, it wasn't a very happy visit for Downes.





Downes' main attack was centered on Pender's body and he succeeded in scoring with some effective punches there. Several times his lusty clouts to the midsection had Pender wincing and clinching.

Winner and still world champion, Paul Pender raised both arms in sign of victory after his slashing title defense against his aggressive British challenger.

His loyal wife, Barbara, helps ease the sting of defeat by kissing Downes after the bout. Below: The day after the bout his wife was helping him stow away a big meal as a run-up for his appearance at the annual Boxing Writers' Association dinner in New York.

Miami Fight New Concept in Boxing, Says Bill Fugazy

By DAN DANIEL

WITH Miami Beach's Convention Hall as the site, and Monday night, March 13, the date, the stage now is set for the third meeting of Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson.

For the second time Patterson faces the Swede as the defender of the heavyweight championship of the world. It was as the title holder that the American encountered Ingo in their first battle, in Yankee Stadium on June 26, 1959. Johansson won in three rounds. On June 20, 1960, at the Polo Grounds, Patterson recovered the championship in four heats.

The March engagement in Miami Beach will be their last if Patterson wins again. If the Swede should manage to regain the crown—what then? A fourth meeting? Or will there be an interlude, with Floyd and Ingo tackling other opponents prior to yet another brawl between them?

Readers of The Ring Magazine were apprised of the fact that Patterson would defend the title against Johansson in Miami in March, long before the announcement came from Feature Sports, Inc., which promoted last year's episode in New York.

In its January issue, The Ring Magazine placed the fight in the Orange Bowl, with close to 80,000 seats. Convention Hall has a capacity of only 17,000, large enough for an indoor arena but certainly not comparable to the facilities of the Bowl for a big scale event.

Why was the Bowl passed up? The reasons were revealed to The Ring Magazine by Bill Fugazy, who is running the show. He said, *"This fight embodies a new concept in fistic promotion, and with that in mind we decided that it had to be placed indoors; and at the peak of the Florida season.*

"At the Polo Grounds in New York, for the second fight, we ran into serious trouble from unbidden guests. They tore through the fences and scaled the walls. There were some 10,000 of them.

"At the first fight, in Yankee Stadium, we were subject to the vagaries of the weather.

"In Miami Beach on March 13, we will be under cover and playing to tremendous potentials for attendance and receipts."

CROWD AND WEATHER HAZARDS ARE ELIMINATED

"In the Orange Bowl, we would have to organize crowd controls we did not wish to undertake. Also, out of doors, there would be the chance of rain or cold. It does get chilly down there at times," Bill went on.

"In Los Angeles we would have to contend with problems similar to those presented by the Orange Bowl. In the Garden in New York in March you might run into a blizzard. It has been that kind of Winter in New York.

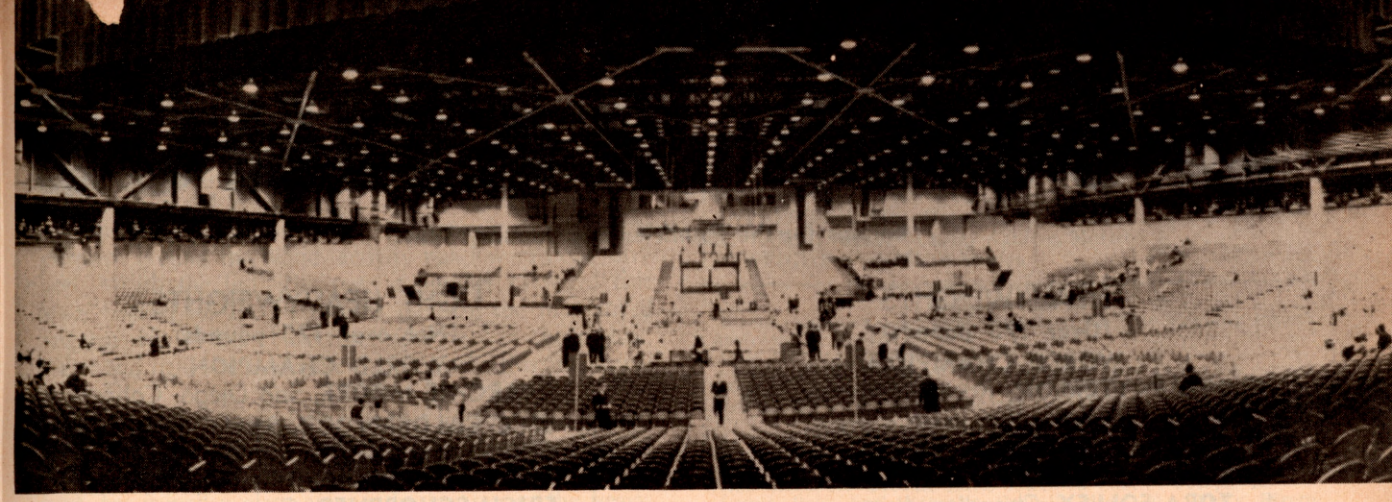
"In the Auditorium, people will pay higher prices than they would in the Orange Bowl.

"In short, the fight will cater to the highest type of patron in boxing history. I don't want to go back to Tex Rickard's bromide about drawing the best kind of fans. But we are aiming for spectators we could not expect with 80,000 seats in the Orange Bowl, or still more in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"In the Auditorium, there will be a properly controlled turnout of 17,000. The house will be scaled this way—7,000 seats at $100 each, 3,000 seats at $50, and 7,000 seats at $20.

"Nobody will have a poor view. The ringside will be raised and every facility for the comfort of the patrons will be offered.

"To sum it up, the time of the year will be right, the freedom from problems of crowd volume will be obviated, the locale will cater to Florida vacationers in an atmosphere of taking it easy and enjoying life, and weather gambles will not exist.



Sets Up 7,000 Ringside Seats At $100 For Patterson-Johansson Bout.

PROMOTERS FACE PLEASANT PICTURE IN FINANCES

Fugazy pointed out that a gate of $400,000 is being guaranteed by Bill McDonald, his friend. McDonald is a wealthy Miami sportsman who is better known in baseball than boxing circles.

McDonald's latest exploit involves the transfer of the Miami club of the International League to Puerto Rico, and guaranteeing that circuit against losses through the heavier transportation costs by plane.

Feature Sports, Inc. has entered into another agreement with TelePrompter and Irving Kahn. This organization guarantees the promoters $800,000 for the closed circuit theatre rights for display of the fight telecast.

Patterson and Johansson will complete their training at Miami Beach. Floyd has been working at the Spring Rock C. C. at Spring Valley, N. Y. and the Swede has been training overseas.

It is expected that Patterson will enter the ring a heavy favorite. It is certain that the champion will come into the fight as beautifully conditioned as he was the night he knocked out Ingo and became the first heavyweight to recover a once lost world championship.

It also is fairly certain that Johansson, who admits he learned a few things about the necessity for prime condition will be much more fit for his task than he was in his defense last June.

SWEDE STUDIES PICTURES AND DISLIKES VIEW

Johansson recently revealed that the night before his defeat by Patterson he lost as many as six pounds, as against the normal two. He also said that he had found himself slow and loggy. The night the Swede beat Floyd he weighed 196 pounds. For their second encounter he tipped the beam at 194¾.

Ingo added that he had been studying the movies of his defeat and was astonished at his slowness. He said that he looked especially bad in the fourth round, in which he saw himself standing around. He denied that he had any suspicion of having been doped.

Johansson's surprise at his physical failure last June is difficult to understand if he realizes how inadequate his training for that fight actually was.

In planning for the third engagement, Johansson at long last realized how important American techniques are in the ring and invited Willie Pastrano to be one of his sparring partners.

The easy life Johansson blew himself to between his first and second encounters with Patterson did him no good and he knows it.

The night Patterson won the title back, he did not have Cus D'Amato, his manager, in his corner. Cus had lost his license in the state of New York.

In the Miami Beach fight, D'Amato will be handling Floyd again, and that may be a point of advantage for the champion. However, it is conceded that he made his maximum showing in recovering the title, even with Cus sitting among the spectators.

TELEPROMPTER LIFTS GUARANTEE BY $100,000

Allocation of the fight to Miami Beach made a big hit with Kahn and TelePrompter because that organization lifted its guarantee by $100,000. It paid out $700,000 for the second fight.

Kahn told the Ring Magazine that he regarded the Garden in New York and the Coliseum in Los Angeles, passed up for the fight itself, as top locations for the showing of the telecast.

Closed circuit revenues for the second fight are said to have reached the incredible total of $2,400,000. TelePrompter's expenses, of course, were very heavy.

Motion picture rights are not eliminated because of the telecast. These and radio privileges netted around $600,000 last June. In short, a heavyweight championship fight has become a source of multiple types of income of which Rickard and Mike Jacobs never dreamed.

Kahn said that for the March fight his company was setting up arrangements with many community antenna systems. Just what these are calls for explanation.

There are some 700 areas in this country and Canada in which home antennae cannot pick up television. Entire communities have chipped in to build coaxial cable systems on high ground to catch telecasts for all of the subscribers.

Last June, TelePrompter served thirteen of these community systems. Each viewer sent in $2, netting $24,000 for the company. This time Kahn is tapping that source of income for all it is worth.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

Ratings for the Month ending January 19th

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

1—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
3—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Ore.
4—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
5—**HENRY COOPER,** England
6—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
7—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
8—**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada
9—**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
10—**TOM McNEELEY,** Arlington, Mass.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
3—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
4—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
5—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
6—**HANK CASEY,** Richmond, Calif.
7—**TERRY DOWNES,** England
8—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.
10—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.

*NBA Middleweight Champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
4—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
*5—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
6—**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
7—**GIORDANO CAMPARI,** Italy
8—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
9—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**SOLOMON BOYSAW,** Cleveland, O.

*NBA Junior Lightweight Champion

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
Title Vacant

*1—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
3—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
4—**PERO ROLLO,** Italy
5—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
6—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
7—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
8—**ELOY SANCHEZ,** Mexico
9—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
10—**HECTOR HICKS,** Panama

*NBA Bantamweight Champion

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
2—**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
3—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
6—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
7—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
8—**MILK HOLT,** South Africa
9—**BOBO OLSON,** Portland, Ore.
10—**LENNART RISBERG,** Sweden

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
BENNY PARET, Cuba

1—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
2—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N. Y.
3—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
*6—**DULIO LOI,** Italy
7—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
8—**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
9—**DON JORDAN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales

*NBA Junior Welterweight Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
2—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
3—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
4—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
5—**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
6—**TERRY SPINKS,** England
7—**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana
8—**PERCY LEWIS,** Trinidad, BWI.
9—**FELIX CERVANTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**JUAN RAMIREZ,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand

1—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
2—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
3—**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
4—**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
5—**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
6—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
7—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
8—**EDMUNDO ESPARZA,** Mexico
9—**LEO ZULUETA,** Philippines
10—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba

Paul Pender, Fighter of the Month

PAUL PENDER, of Brookline, Mass., victor over Terry Downes, of England, in their Boston bout, in which Paul retained the world middleweight championship, has been honored as the Ring's Fighter of the Month.

With the Yultide season cutting deeply into the boxing programs around the world, activity was low in every division. With the festivities over, a number of world title bouts booked for the next three months, the top ranked ringmen will be kept busy from now on. In the middle, welter and lightweight divisions particularly, this action will be keen.

Only a few changes from the last international ratings are listed in this issue. Tom McNeeley, undefeated in 23 straight contests and winner over George Logan in his last bout, has gained a place among the top ten in the heavyweight division. The Bostonian replaces Dick Richardson, of Wales, in tenth position.

Jesse Bowdry, of St. Louis, who handed a severe setback to Willie Pastrano, of Miami, advanced from tenth to sixth while Willie dropped from fifth to seventh place. Doug Jones, of New York City, advanced from sixth to fifth. Mike Holt, of South Africa, Bobo Olson, of Portland, Ore. fell one notch each and Johnny Halifihi, of Tonga, was eliminated after his defeat by Lennart Risberg of Sweden who replaced him in tenth post.

In the middleweight class, Rory Calhoun, of White Plains, who upset Hank Casey of Richmond, Cal., rejoins the elite in tenth post with Henry Hank, of Detroit, who lost to Gene Armstrong in his last fight, removed to make way for Calhoun. Armstrong advanced from tenth to ninth while Casey dropped from fourth to sixth with Joey Giambra, of Buffalo, and Dick Tiger, of Nigeria, each up one place to fourth and fifth respectively.

The loss of Luis Rodriguez, of Cuba, to Emile Griffith, of New York, caused the Cuban to lose his top contender's post and drop to third place, with Federico Thompson, of Argentina, up from second to first and Griffith landing in second post. Ralph Dupas, of New Orleans, dropped from third to fourth.

An Italian, Giordano Campari, who defeated Joe Brown in a non-title fight, gained the number eight post among the lightweights with Kenny Lane down from eighth to ninth and Cisco Andrade, of Compton, Cal., removed to make way for Campari. Eddie Perkins dropped from seventh to ninth following his loss to L. C. Morgan.

The Orient champion, Sadao Yaoita, of Japan, has traded places with Pascual Perez, of the Argentine, the Japanese landing in second spot and Perez down to third. Ramon Arias, of Venezuela, winner over Edmundo Esparza, of Mexico, advanced from eighth to sixth, trading posts with the Mexican in the flyweight class.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eddie Machen defeated Wayne Bethea, 10.

Tom McNeeley defeated George Logan, 10. Franco Cavicchi lost to light heavy Karl Mildenberger, but beat Vittorio Stagni, 10.

Pekka Kokkonen kayoed Domenico Baccheachi, 2. Albert Westphal kayoed Robert Duquesne, 2.

Bruno Scarabellin kayoed Werner Walloschek, 1. Sante Amonti and Bert Whitehurst drew, 10. Don Warner stopped Paul Wright, 4.

Roland LaStarza stopped Ike Thomas, 3. Johnny Byrd kayoed Candy Butler, 1. Cassius Clay stopped Herb Siler, 4.

Alric Regis stopped George Wright, 3. Werner Wiegand defeated Jose Peyre, 10. Dave Furch upset Floyd Joyner, 8.

Tony Alongi kayoed Aaron Beasley, 6. Gerhard Zech kayoed Mino Bozzano, 2. Tommy Stru halted Jim Tillman, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jesse Bowdry upset Willie Pastrano, 10. Lennart Risberg upset Johnny Halafihi, 8. Giulio Rinaldi outpointed Sonny Ray, 10. Kirk Barrow stopped Kid Sixto Rodriguez, 5.

Walter Rodriguez won the Brazilian title stopping Luis Ignacio, 1.

Rodolfo Diaz stopped Clarence Floyd, 8. Germinal Ballarin defeated Horst Niche, 10; Niche had drawn with Rudolf Nehring, 6.

Karl Mildenberger whipped heavyweight Franco Cavicchi, 10.

Wim Snoek kayoed Erwin Hack, 9. Jose Manzur stopped Horacio Ferrari, 3, and drew with Alfredo Yacanto, 10.

Stan Cullis halted Ron Barton, 3. Nelson Poccione defeated Gregorio Samora, 10. Gordon Farnsworth kayoed Ken Williams, 4. Freddy Mack stopped heavy William Avellez, 1. Jimmy Tillis stopped Red Brewer, 4.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Cassius Clay, Louisville, Ky.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Ray Shiel, England
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Clarence James, Oakland, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHTS—Vince Shomo, New York, N. Y.
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Harry Campbell, San Jose, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Harry Carroll, Wales
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Curley Aguirre, Mexico
FLYWEIGHT—Ariel Rios, Mexico

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Paul Pender retained his title stopping British Champion Terry Downes, 7.

Rory Calhoun upset Hank Casey, 10.

Carmen Basilio returned to action and defeated welter Gaspar Ortega, 10. Baby Linares won the Cuban title outpointing Paul Diaz, 12. Obdulio Nunez outscored George Chimenti, 10. Clarence Alford whipped Jimmy Remson, 10.

Farid Salim kayoed Sixto Tiselli, 6. Yama Bahama stopped Johnny Simms, 10. Jesse Smith kayoed Mel Collins, 5.

Chico Vejar outscored Jose Gonzalez, 10. Joe DeNucci defeated Willie Green, 10. Freddie Little outscored Charley Joseph, 10.

Laszlo Papp and Giancarlo Garbelli, drew 10. Rocky Rivero defeated Andre Selpa, 10. Phil Moyer kayoed Edgar Jones, 2. Chebo Hernandez scored over Tony Montano, 10.

Ubaldo Sacco defeated Esteban Caprani, 10. Gilbert Lavoine stopped Michel Le Riguier, 5. Sugar Boy Green defeated Kayo McCoy, 10. Orlando Paso stopped Phil Edwards, 4, but lost to Gert Van Heeden, 8. Allen Thomas kayoed Eddie Sims, 1. Erich Walter kayoed Gerhard van Eyk, 6.

Willie Jennings won from Ernie Gipson, 6. Bobbie Lee bested Thurman Stevens, 6. Eddie Bell kayoed Georgie Holzman, 1. Hans Wohlers beat Helmut Hoehmann, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Gaspar Ortega lost to middleweight Carmen Basilio, 10.

Gerald Gray whipped Roger Harvey, 10. Chris Christensen defeated Andre Mauguin, 10, and Andre Davier, 10. Ahmed Sebane defeated Karl Wagner, 10.

Ricardo Falech kayoed Roberto Chetta, 5. Mick Leahy defeated Johnny Melfah, 8, and Ola Michael, 8. Hilario Morales bested Enrique Esqueda, 10. Kenny Tavares kayoed Don Vincent, 2.

Billy Collins and Tony DeCola drew, 10. Negro Veloz defeated Luis Garduno, 10. Angel Ahumada drew with Alfredo Paz, 10. Ronnie Cohen stopped Eddie Antonetti, 8.

Hart Grant whipped Billy Greaves, 8. Chivo Diaz kayoed Gonzalo Rubio, 4. King Farouk won from Dick Cotton, 6. Dave Cervantes whipped Silvestre Villarreal, 10. Pete Toro defeated Kenny Bryant, 6.

Vince Shomo kayoed Ricky Ortiz, 1. Texas Hurtado kayoed Indio Jeronimo, 8. Osse Marcano defeated Frank Sallee, 6. Beto Gerardo kayoed Ramon Castelum, 4. Earl Citizen kayoed Bennie Castillo, 3. Willie Davis bested Ramon Hernandez, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Giordano Campari whipped Bobby Ros, 10. L. C. Morgan upset Eddie Perkins, 10.

Hilario Espana drew with Claudio Adame, 10, and kayoed Gallito Flores, 3. Aissa Hashas kayoed Franco Rosini, 3.

Genji Sakai kayoed Gil Flores, 3. Darkie Hughes whipped Billy Kelly, 12. Carlos Rios stopped Chihuahua Kid, 9.

Baby Vasquez kayoed Cubanito Gonzalez, 5. Vicente Rerado won over Raul Vargas, 10. Kid Anahuac defeated Santiago Ramirez, 10. Antonio Sanchez halted Enrique Castillo, 9. Alex Arenas kayoed Chico Rodriguez, 8. Chico Morales defeated Arcardio Alvarez, 10. Hiroshi Okawa won from Kiyoshi Miura, 10.

Kid Bassey II won from Keiffer Edwards, 10, and Lloyd Barnett, 8. Percy Hayles won over Juanito Lopez, 10. Tony Sanchez kayoed Muralla Zamora, 7. Kenny Tavares defeated Frankie Madison, 6.

Santos Pereyra whipped Abelardo Sire, 10. Chato Cadena halted Gabriel Navarro, 4. Mercer Smith halted Lionel Butler, 3. Eric Brett whipped Junior Cassidy, 10. Fred Jackson won over Leo Pitcher, 5. Mercer Smith defeated Tommy Thibault, 6.

Victor Torres drew with Cecilio Zaratua, 10. Adolfo Olguin defeated Venancio Hernandez, 8. Enrique Camarena whipped Canguro Aeaujo, 8. Jerry Mullen defeated Jim Harris, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Davey Moore kayoed Rudy Corona, 7 (non-title), and defeated European champion Gracieux Lamperti, 10 (non-title).

Sugar Ramos kayoed Sergio Gomez, 9.

Felix Cervantes decisioned Fili Nava, 10. Juan Ramirez kayoed Melchor Contreras, 6. Jose Luis Cruz kayoed Goyo Flores, 5.

Rafiu King stopped Cyprien Carrie, 3. Alberto Martinez won from Rigo Guadarrama, 10. Aldo Gamboa whipped Carlos Estrada, 10. Altidoro Polidori whipped Ottavio Miccichie, 8. Jose Lopez beat Alberto Soto, 10. Giuseppe Baiata upset Victor Pepeder, 10.

Ricardo Moreno kayoed Panchito Villa, 3. Rudy Coronado edged out Chilo Barranco, 10. Howard Winstone whipped Roy Jacobs, 10.

Jose Luis Valdez decisioned Lauro Garcia, 10. Raul Vargas stopped Ricardo Miranda, 7, but lost to lightweight Vicente Derado, 10. Johnny San Nichols defeated Jet Bally, 10.

Anselmo Hernandez bested Henry Macias, 10. Carlos Celis halted Mike Hernandez, 10. Juanito Miranda stopped Nany Kid, 4, and Chamaco Ortiz, 5. Jose Merayo defeated Jose Luis Martinez, 10.

Cornelio Yapura kayoed Hector Caballero, 7. Juan Perales decisioned Memo Ruiz, 10. Roberto Lobos defeated Oscar Vargas, 10.

Love Allotey defeated Johnny Kidd, 8. Vicente Vezzoni stopped Nildo Peralta, 3. Paddy Read outscored Gene Fosmire, 12.

Oscar Diaz stopped Abelardo Sire, 3. Jesse Leija stopped Artie Clark, 2. Tono Aguirre defeated Miguel Rojas, 8. Jae Keun Yang stopped Vic Fuentes, 4. Jorge Gonzalez whipped Vicente Ramirez, 10.

Cruz Arvelo whipped Jose Castellanos, 10. Mario Diaz won over Fino Rosales, 10. Allie Steele defeated Jose Pigoria, 6. Valmore Anez halted Juan Lopez, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Pierre Vetroff won the French title kayoing Elysee Castre, 4.

Italian champion Pero Rollo retained his title when he was held to a draw by Ugo Milan, 12.

Carlos Hernandez whipped Cuervo Salinas, 10, and Danny Kid, 10.

Johnny Jamito won the Philippines title outpointing Young Aquino, 12. Torito Mota stopped Juan Sanchez, 7. Federico Scarponi defeated Gerhard Topf, 10.

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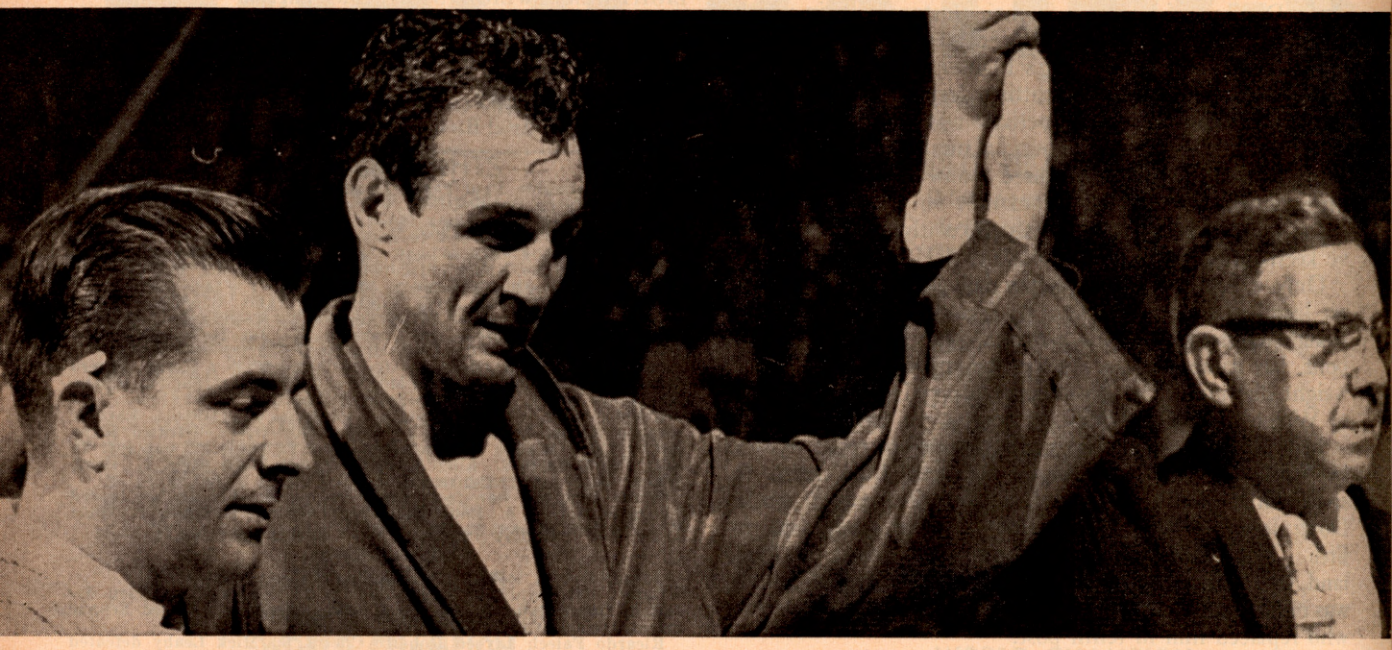
Middleweight champion Paul Pender, the lone "Irish" champion of the present day. The clever New Englander is not cut in the mold of the old Gaelic champions.



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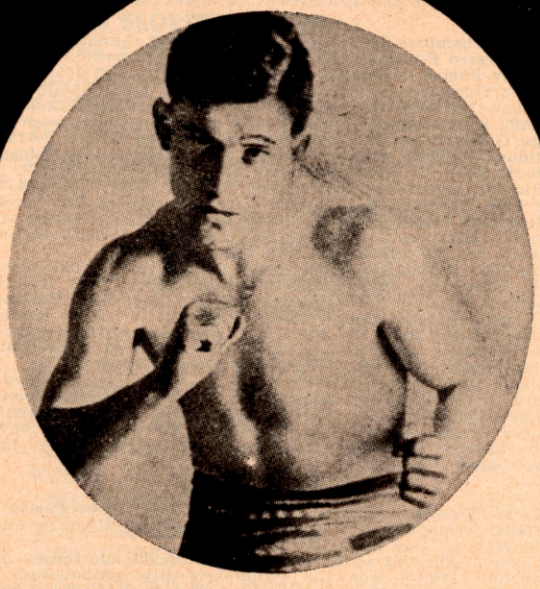

Packey McFarland, a top notch lightweight who never was crowned champion, but was rated among the all-time ring greats.

By AL BUCK

"THE FIGHTING IRISH" is an endearing term long applied to such football immortals as Jumping Joe Savoldi, Marchmont Schwartz and Johnny Lujack. They are men of old Notre Dame, and among them is Terry Brennan. How did he get there?

The phrase "*Fighting Irish*" can be applied also to such fistic personalities as Fireman Jim Flynn, born Andrew Chiariglione; Mushie Callahan, who was once Vincent Sheer, and Eddie McGoorty, right name Edward Van Dusart. What is Paul Pender doing in such company?

Pender, the slender champion of the middleweight world, could be the last of "The Fighting Irish." If he is, he is in the right place, for Pender's home is Boston, where in the long ago the immortal John L. Sullivan boasted: "I can lick any man in the house."

John L. was a legend, destined to live on in song and story, and on both the movie and television screens. Pender is just one of the Boston Irish, the last link in a chain of fistic greats from the old Bay State. Among them are the Sullivan twins, Mike and Jack; Honey Mellody, Jimmy Walsh, Honeyboy Finnegan and Mike Glover, to mention a few.

Johnny Wilson can't be included in the group, and yet in a sense he belongs. The night Pender defeated Sugar Ray Robinson for the title at the Boston Garden, Wilson, a former middleweight champion, was introduced as Boston's Own."

Now Johnny Wilson was born in New York of Italian parentage, but when he won the championship he was billed out of Charlestown, Mass., close by Bunker Hill. He won it from no less an Irishman than Mike O'Dowd of the St. Paul Irish.

In all ways O'Dowd was a fighting man. He won the title late in 1917 from Al McCoy (Albert Rudolph) who was known as the "Cheese Champion." McCoy, a southpaw, had hung onto the crowd by restricting his activities to no-decision bouts. As long as he stayed on his feet he kept the title. McCoy's bubble burst when O'Dowd flattened him in the sixth round.

The bugle had sounded for World War I, and off to France went O'Dowd. He served with the A.E.F., and came home a hero to resume his trade. Among other things he gave McCoy a chance to regain the title in St. Paul, where he knocked him out in three rounds.

Eventually he was matched with Wilson, 12 rounds for the title at Boston's Mechanics Building. This ancient structure, scene of countless ring battles, was demolished only last year in the interest of progress.

It was on May 6, 1920 that O'Dowd faced Wilson. There was no boxing commission in Massachusetts then, and the sport was conducted on a club membership basis. The dues was the price of a ticket, and of course both champion and challenger "were members of this club."

Paddy Mullins, O'Dowd's manager, named the referee. He was Hector McInnis, a local sportsman, who bred pit dogs, and who, so the story goes, was Paddy's cousin. After 12 rounds of fighting, during which the partisan crowd cheered Wilson, McInnis surprised both Mike and Paddy by raising Johnny's hand.

Wilson was middleweight champion. His southpaw style was all he needed to turn back the aggressive, rushing O'Dowd. With O'Dowd claiming he was robbed, Tex Rickard arranged a return bout at old Madison Square Garden. Again Wilson received the decision, this time at the end of 15 rounds. May be McInnis had called it right the first time. Anyway he called it as he saw it.

Wilson, christened John Panica, will be 68 years old next March 23rd. He makes his home in Boston, where he operates a successful night club. O'Dowd died in 1957.

O'Dowd was one of the great Irish fighters out of St. Paul. Among them were the Gibbons brothers—Mike and Tom —and also Jock Malone. Mike Gibbons was a master boxer, but in his time the no-decision laws were in effect, and he never won the title. The high spot in his career was a 10-round no-decision bout with Packy McFarland, clever Chicago Irishman, at Brooklyn in 1915.

In 1904, his first year in the ring, McFarland was knocked out by one Dusty Miller. This was his only defeat in a career that spanned a dozen years. After he retired McFarland served as a member of the Illinois Boxing Commission.

Tom Gibbons will be remembered always for having fought Jack Dempsey for fun. He went 15 rounds with the Manassa Mauler at Shelby, Mont. This is now referred to as the "Shelby Incident." Dempsey got the decision and all the money that came in at the gate. Guaranteed $300,000, Dempsey took $200,000 out of Shelby. The local bank failed the next day.

Tom Gibbons was the respected sheriff of St. Paul during much of his life. He died last year.

In defeating Robinson, Pender fared better than did his townsman, Mike (Twin) Sullivan. Stanley Ketchel, one of the all-time greats, gained full recognition as world middleweight champion by knocking out Mike Twin in a round. A few months later he knocked out the other twin, Jack, in the 20th round. The two battles, fought in 1908, took place in Colma, Calif.

Before he graduated into the midlleweight diviison, Mike (Twin) Sullivan staked a claim to the welterweight title by outpointing Honey Mellody in 20 rounds at Los Angeles. Mellody, like Mike Twin was a member in good standing of the Boston Irish. He won the welterweight championship from one of the truly greats, the original Joe Walcott on a 15 round decision, right in his home town.

Not to be overlooked is Michael J. Cavanaugh, who fought as Mike Glover. He was a brother of Billy Cavanaugh, for many years boxing instructor at the U. S. Mili-

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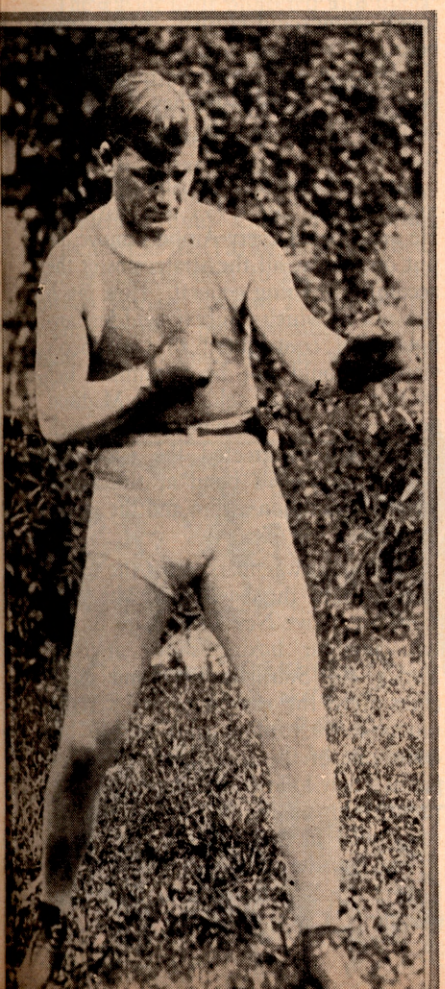


Mike O'Dowd, known as St. Paul's "Fighting Harp", a tough battler who ruled as king of the middleweights from 1917 to 1920.

Left: Fireman Jim Flynn, a heavyweight of the "white hope" era, who knocked out Jack Dempsey, an Italian. He was one of many who adopted an "Irish" name for their ring careers.

Right: Jack and Mike (Twin) Sullivan pose with their mother. A fine pair of battlers, they were tops in their classes during the early 1900's and the only pair of twins in "Irish" ring history to obtain prominence.

TONY CANZONERI

By TED CARROLL

TOO few men has come the hero worship that was Tony Canzoneri's in his long and lustrous career in the ring. The roar of the crowd cascaded about him in a constant chorus of acclaim for more than a decade.

There were sound reasons for the public's rapturous reaction to Canzoneri. First, it could always expect an all-out effort colorfully performed from a highly versatile fighter who could overpower the boxers or outthink the sluggers as he chose. Second, Tony Canzoneri barred nobody. Tossed in with the old "Terre Haute Terror" Bud Taylor, when little more than a tyro, this pairing set the pattern for Tony's confidence in himself. No prospective opponent ever brought a denial from him. Finally, his style was electric. There was no such thing as a boring Canzoneri performance. He could force the issue aggressively if necessaary or box and counter expertly if this method was called for.

Championships came to be coupled with the name of Canzoneri from the time of the first Taylor match in 1927, when at the age of 17, Taylor's bantamweight title was his target, through 1935, when his hand was raised in title triumph for the last time as he regained the lightweight crown from spry, young Lew Ambers.

In the intervening years, there had been the featherweight crown gained by beating hard hitting Benny Bass in Madison Square Garden on February 10, 1928. A hairline miss of the lightweight title the following year, against the clever champion, Sammy Mandell in Chicago and finally the lightweight title via a one round knockout of Al Singer on November 14, 1930.

The junior welterweight title which had some substance in those days, came into his possession while he was still lightweight kingpin, when he defeated the claimant of the 140 pound title, Jack Kid Berg, in New York's Polo Grounds on September 10, 1931.

Cheers and championships. Even when he lost, the cheers were no less loud, Tony was always the champion with the people. He didn't win them all. Andre Routis took the featherweight title from him but Tony had a way of catching up with those who beat him when he fought them a second time around as he did with Berg and Billy Petrolle.

Like most great fighters, however, he had a nemesis—a cagy Philadelphian named Johnny Jadick who had trouble with fighters far inferior to Canzoneri but proved a problem for the great champion.

"There's something about that guy!" Canzoneri would say, shaking his head following the second of two lost decisions to the Philadelphian which cost him the junior welterweight title back in 1932. But Tony's adoring public paid that little heed, and the cheers were louder than ever when he successfully defended his lightweight title later that year against Billy Petrolle with one of his most memorable exhibitions.

The following year he was junior welterweight champion again, defeating Battling Shaw in his native New Orleans. Canzoneri's popularity remained undiminished despite two losses to Barney Ross which brought the clever Chicagoan the lightweight title that same year. Not one who offered excuses, Canzoneri made an exception in the case of these two contests." He never really beat me!" was Tony's contention to the end. He had something there. In both matches, opinion was about evenly divided as to the winner among press and public.

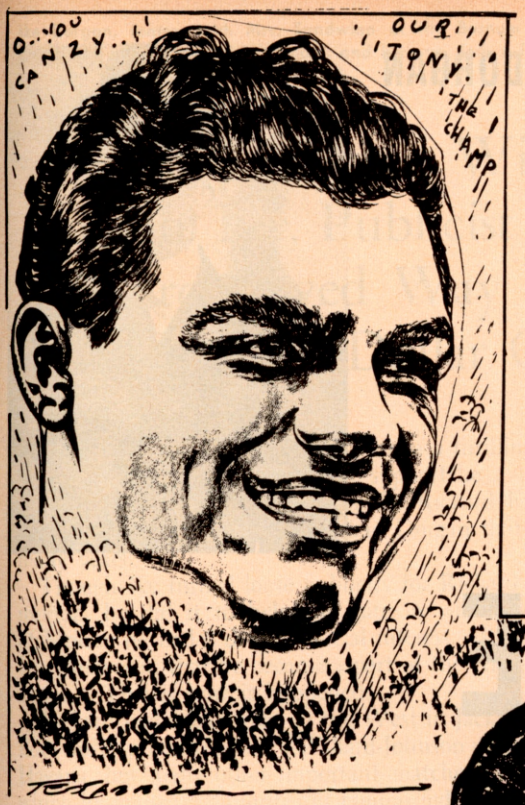
His hold on his admirers and the idolatry which was his particularly among Italian-Americans, played a part in his becoming a champion again. This time in 1935, when traces of his many severe trials in the ring were beginning to dull his fistic tools.

Ross had relinquished the 135 pound title and an ex-Canzoneri sparring partner, Lew Ambers, had come along fast to contest for the vacated title. Ambers was a bouncing ball of a boxer, spraying punches from all angles – tough, game, and elusive. Many years before, Canzoneri had encountered a similar type, from Ambers' own upstate New York region—Bushey Graham—and had figured out the answers to this frisky style.

His performance against Ambers the night of May 10, 1935 was masterful. He anticipated every Ambers' move; he put on display all the strategems of the accomplished ring general. How much the awe in which Ambers held his boyhood idol contributed to Canzoneri's victory should not be minimized but be that as it may, seldom has Madison Square Garden resounded with such an ovation as greeted the raising of Tony Canzoneri's hand at the finish. He was champion again, and the crowd rejoiced.

Canzoneri was marked for the hero's mantle from the beginning. Migrating from his native New Orleans to Brooklyn, amateur boxing shows at New York's old Starlight Park and other clubs were the earliest setting for the moon-faced stripling who was to become one of the lauded fighters of his time. Then followed a professional apprenticeship in the neighborhood clubs so popular in those days.

The Broadway Arena, the Ridgewood Grove, the Star Casino, the Commonwealth S. C., the Pioneer S. C., the



RING HEROES

by TED CARROLL

St. Nicholas Arena, Coney Island—they all booked him. The crescendo of the cheers increased with each step he took up the ladder against other neighborhood prides in these musty arenas now merely memories in Boxing's colorful past.

The Taylor fight projected him upon the national scene. In the years to come, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Detroit, Pittsburgh, New Orleans were to become strongholds of Canzoneri cliques acclaiming the chesty champion. In all these places Tony Canzoneri gave them something by which to remember him. Chicago took him to its heart in the Taylor fight, watched him get off the floor to knock out Armando Santiago back in 1929 in a rip-roaring thriller, press Mandell to the limit, and go down to the wire with Ross.

In Pittsburgh, a spindly youngster named Billy Conn, inspired by Tony's knockout of Eddie Zivic, had this to say:

"That's the kind of fighter I want to be. He looks like the greatest in the world to me!"

Los Angeles fans watching him toy with tough little Baby Arizmendi back in 1934, joined in the Canzoneri accolades.

Still, New York was the hub of his active career and it is fitting that the metropolis, so generous with its plaudits for him, should have been the scene of his greatest performance. Not everyone approved of his match with Jimmy McLarnin when it was accepted by Manager Sammy Goldman. The year was 1936. The smaller Canzoneri, although he had regained the lightweight championship, was showing signs of time's toll.

However, the match went through to become a ring classic as McLarnin, bolstered by his usual weight edge, after giving Tony a fearful drubbing in the first round, over-confidently ran into a savage right in the second that draped him across the ropes.

Summoning a super effort from the reserve of his great desire, Canzoneri rallied on the strength of this turn in the tide, and went on to whip McLarnin in the outstanding performance of his career.

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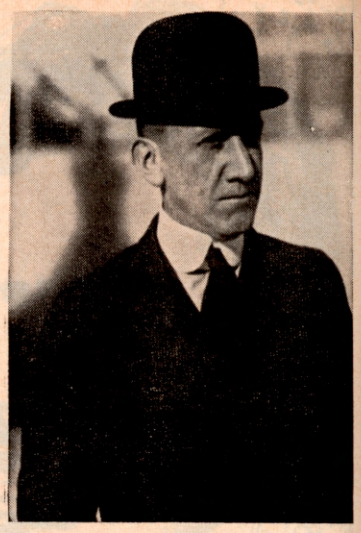
IKE DORGAN



THE GOLDEN GATE

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE big Ballyhoo Era of Fistiana, the Golden Age of Boxing in the Nineteen Twenties, was one in which the most colorful fighters in American ring history made their appearance and in which the art of publicizing a fight made its greatest progress. Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, often has been given credit for developing ballyhoo to its highest level, but were it not for John Leo Dorgan, known to the fistic world as "Ike" and "Old Sobersides", Kearns might never have had the opportunity to gain the fame he did.

The death of Dorgan at the Edgewater Rest Home in Bayside, Long Island, on last December 26, recalls the decade in which history was made with the million dollar gates with the fabulous Tex Rickard, the master mind, and Dempsey and Kearns, the characters around whom the Rickard empire was built. But it was Ike Dorgan, Tex's ballyhoo agent, who placed both Rickard and Dempsey in the spotlight. It was his masterful artistry in publicizing all of the Manassa Mauler's fights under Tex's promotions that helped the combination to roll up five million dollar attendances. He helped to create the public image of Rickard as a flamboyant, daring promoter of sports events. He was the coiner of phrases and publicity stunts that brought vast throngs to the arenas.

Ike's association with Rickard dated back to a period before the famed promoter, with the financial aid of John Ringling and a group of Wall Street bankers, built the vast arena that to this day is referred to as the "House That Tex Built." Born in the mission section of San Francisco, Ike came East with his brother Tad, the cartoonist, and together they worked on the New York Journal. Bill Hicks, then its sports editor, assigned Ike to write a daily signed column, "Boxing Notes Boiled Down". After several columns had appeared, Bill told Tad he didn't like to have his brother write under the name of John Dorgan. *"What other name is he called at home?"* asked Hicks.

"You don't like John and you don't like Leo. Then how about calling him Ike after Ike Elias, our Frisco politician," Tad suggested as a joke, and "Ike" it was thereafter.

The Dorgans had known Rickard when he promoted out West and when Tex came East, he sought the advice of Ike when Rickard attempted to establish himself in New York. When he came to New York, boxing was at a low ebb. But Tex was confident he could bring the sport back to a high level.

After Willard had knocked out Jack Johnson in Havana on April 5, 1915, Tex made a bid for the services of the Pottowatomie Giant. Dorgan at the time was manager of one of the outstanding White Hopes of that era, Frank Moran, who a year before Jess won the crown had lost a 20 round decision to Johnson in Paris, and Rickard figured that Moran would be an ideal opponent for Willard. Dorgan accepted the bout as did Tom Jones, who was manager of Willard.

To introduce himself to the New York sports writers, Rickard hired the Biltmore Hotel ball room and asked Ike Dorgan to set up the stage for him. I recall the dinner party, which brought out more free loaders than there were sports scribes in the metropolitan era. Rickard sat back in a huge chair with cigar in mouth while Dorgan announced the purpose of the affair.

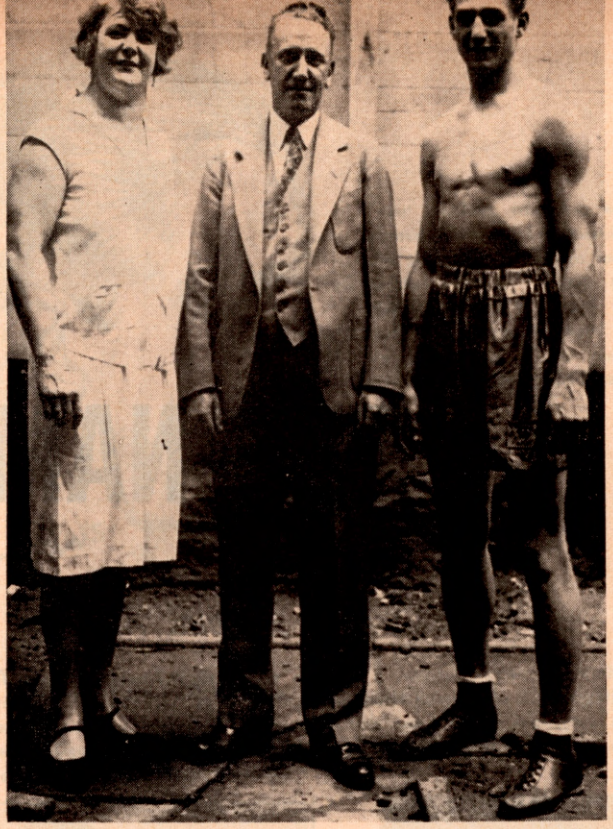
"Mr. Rickard is going to promote a Willard-Moran championship fight of 10 rounds since the law prohibits bouts beyond that limit," said Ike *"and if this one is successful, Rickard hopes to lease the Garden and stage weekly boxing shows in New York at a rental of $52,000 a year."*

The newsman couldn't believe what they had heard. Promoting fights in the Garden with a yearly guaranteed rental of $52,000, as Dorgan explained, was a crazy idea, they figured, and openly ridiculed the plan when questions were fired at Rickard. Prior to the Rickard lease, shows were staged only at intervals and most of those lost money, hence, how did Rickard expect to keep his head above water?, they asked.

But Rickard smiled, puffed away on his big cigar and calmly answered his skeptics: *"I'm a gambler. I have always taken chances and I'm willing to take them here. All I ask is your support and nothing more."*

Rickard opened his promotions in the East with the title

Ike Dorgan, center, with Mrs. Sandwina of the Barnum and Bailey Circus, the world's strongest woman, and her son, Ted, a heavyweight managed by Ike.



Ballyhoo Started With Dorgan. Ike, Publicist For Rickard, Paved Way For Tex's Million Dollar Gate

fight and Big Jess retained his crown in a thrilling bout for which the public offered Tex the support he sought. And with that fight, began the rise of the Rickard Empire and an association between Rickard and Dorgan that lasted for many years.

Though Ike turned loose publicity for Rickard's first promotion, he did it to help the gate in which as manager of Moran, he had a deep financial interest. It wasn't until later, however, that he became a part of the Rickard organization. This is how it happened:

Rickard had a keen rival in the West in Jack Curley, who not only promoted the Willard-Johnson title fight in Havana, but many other important matches in addition to which he managed a number of famous fighters among them Carl Morris, Marvin Hart, Jack Root and Fireman Jim Flynn and promoted the famous Gotch-Hackenschmidt wrestling bout in Chicago. Dominick Tortorich, a leading promoter of New Orleans, had arranged to have Jack Dempsey, then a rising young heavyweight fight Morris and Curley, unable to get down to the Crescent City, asked Dorgan to handle Morris for him. Carl was knocked kicking in two rounds and so impressed was Tortorich with Dempsey's performance, that he sought to match him with Willard for the title.

"*What should I offer Willard to fight Dempsey here?*" asked Dominick.

Ike, eager to get the fight for Rickard, suggested that Tortorich offer $75,000 knowing, as Ike told me later, that Tex would go $25,000 higher for such a contest. Dorgan, who helped me start The Ring Magazine and for ten years was my partner, writing for our publication, told Ring readers how he started to work for Rickard and how he got started in boxing. This is what he wrote:

"*When I came back to New York from New Orleans, I steamed up Tex for the Toledo fight as he did not think the time was ripe for young Dempsey to face the giant champion from Kansas. I worked on him for two days with the help of Tad and finally he told me to go over to Newark where Kearns was stopping and see what he wanted for Jack to fight Willard.*

"*I got Kearn's terms and reported to Tex who had me wire Willard to meet Rickard and me in Chicago. In two weeks the big Kansas farmer was signed.*

"*Then came the task of getting Kearns to sign. I told Tex to offer him $25,000. Kearns refused to accept. He asked for $30,000. Rickard balked. I then urged Tex to offer Kearns an additional $2,500 for expenses and after considerable wrangling, he agreed to the $27,500 while Willard was to get $100,000. Thus the match was made that gave Dempsey the chance to win the crown.*"

"*As for the first fight Rickard staged in New York, making that match with Willard was a far easier job. I knew my Tex and how to handle him. I had Rickard meet Frank Moran, whom I managed, in the lobby of the Claridge*

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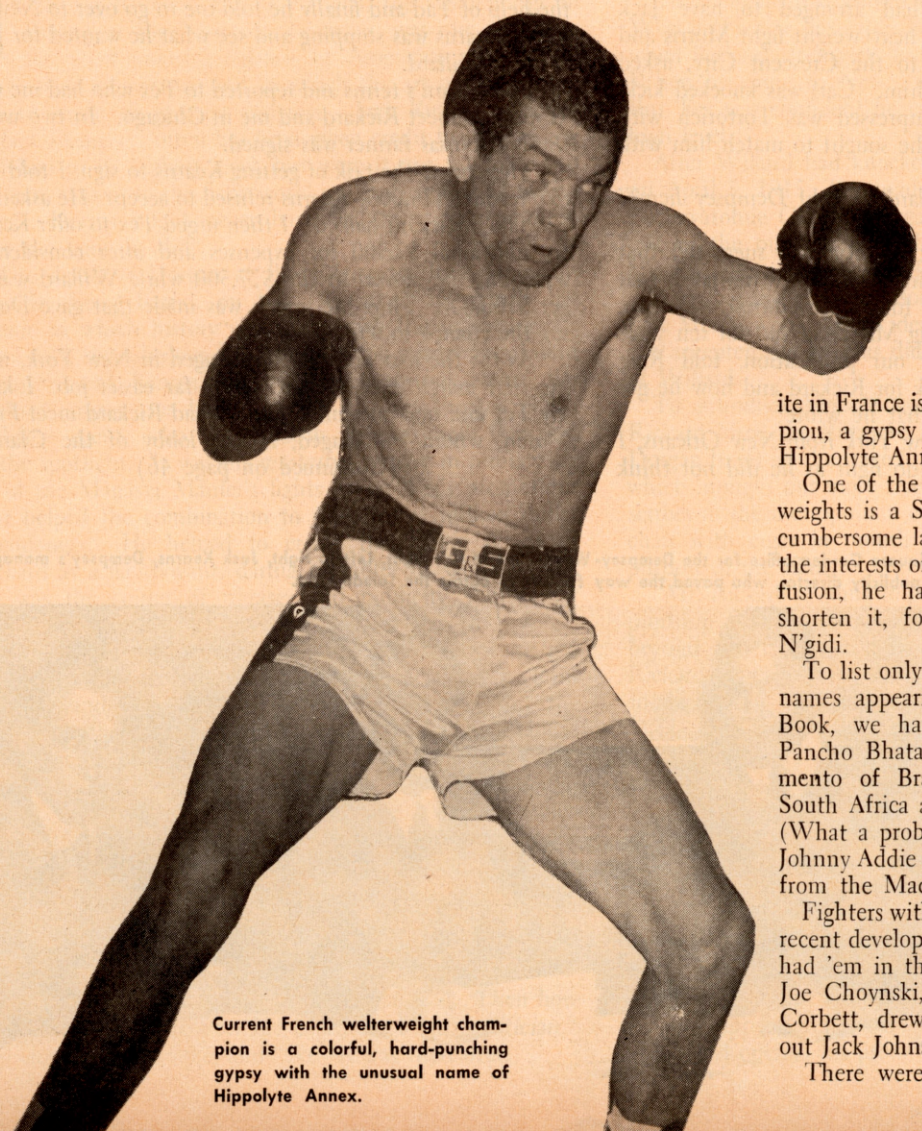
Signing in Tex Rickard's Madison Square Garden office for the Dempsey-Willard world title fight. Left to right, Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager; Dempsey, Rickard and Dorgan, his publicity director, who paved the way for Tex to obtain the Toledo fight.

THE NAME, PLEASE

Adopted Aliases of Past Give Way to Some Strange Legitimate Names of Current Ringsters

By
JERSEY JONES



Current French welterweight champion is a colorful, hard-punching gypsy with the unusual name of Hippolyte Annex.

IN keeping tabs on fighters all over the world, and compiling their statistics for the annual Ring Record Book, one happens across some strange names. That is, they may be strange to American and British fans, but probably quite normal in their own lands.

For instance, a current favorite in France is the national welterweight champion, a gypsy with the odd (to us) handle of Hippolyte Annex.

One of the British Empire's leading welterweights is a South African toting around the cumbersome label of Joe Napastrophegidi. In the interests of brevity and a minimum of confusion, he has been considerate enough to shorten it, for professional purposes, to Joe N'gidi.

To list only some of the many other strange names appearing in this year's Ring Record Book, we have Kimpo Amarfio of Ghana, Pancho Bhatachaji of India, Sebastiao Nascimento of Brazil, Benny Nieuwenhuizen of South Africa and Ulli Nitzschke of Germany. (What a problem it would be for Announcer Johnny Addie if he had to introduce that crowd from the Madison Square Garden ring!)

Fighters with unusual names are by no means recent developments in this rugged trade. They had 'em in the long ago. For one, there was Joe Choynski, who fought a series with Jim Corbett, drew with Jim Jeffries and knocked out Jack Johnson.

There weren't so many of them in those

days, however. It was a common practice for ringsters with unusual names to adopt aliases that were simpler to pronounce and more fitting for the prizefighting profession. A notable example was Gershon Mendeloff, who went on to pugilistic fame and its attendant fortune as "Ted (Kid) Lewis."

One thing from which fighters in recent years have drifted away was the habit of borrowing names of former noted ringmen. The old crowd didn't display much originality when they flooded the market with hordes of "Young" Corbetts, Ernes, Ganses, Walcotts, McGoverns, Leonards and Dundees. Some of them had good "fighting names" of their own and it wasn't necessary to swipe those of illustrious predecessors.

(The habit hasn't entirely vanished, however. Not so long ago Arnold Cream became world heavyweight champion as "Jersey Joe Walcott.")

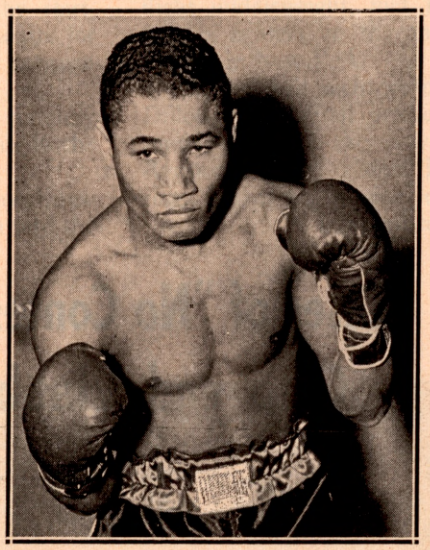
There were many reasons for this copying practice. For one thing, boxing didn't occupy too lofty an estate in the social scale, and some kids, to keep their families from knowing of their pugilistic activities, adopted names already popular with the public. Others felt that taking names of outstanding fighters would bring them good luck. Then, there were those with difficult names of their own to pronounce and they simplified matters by borrowing those already established in the trade. And, of course, there were the usual hero-worshippers who, when they began boxing, hoped to emulate their idols.

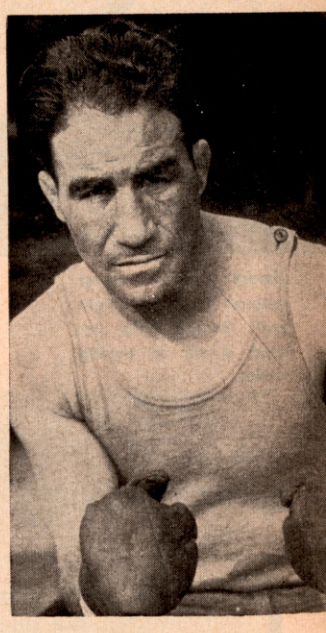
In tribute to a ring immortal, "Joe Gans" had a particularly strong appeal to Negroes. Offhand, we recall Panama Joe Gans, Allentown Joe Gans, Young Joe Gans, Baby Joe Gans—and, heaven help us, even an **Italian** Joe Gans.

An Italian youngster, Giuseppe Carrora, started boxing with Scotty Montieth as his manager. Carrora didn't sound much like a fighting name to Scotty, and he tried to find something more "distinctive." He found it. He dubbed his protege with a Scottish label and Giuseppe Carrora became one of boxing's all-time greats as "Johnny Dundee." His outstanding success in the ring and tremendous popularity with the populace resulted in a veritable epidemic of other Italian "Dundees." Two of them—brothers Joe and Vince, whose square name was Lazzaro—became world champions. Other "Dundees" included, Mike, Young, Allentown and the current promoting-managing-training brother combination, Chris and Angelo.

"Ace" Hudkins, who was well named during the lively boxing era of the '20s. With his spectacular style of milling, the Nebraskan was a popular attraction, and as an "Ace" he trumped many of the ring's most accomplished performers.

(Left, below)—Sidney Walker, who adopted a colorful name for his ring career. As "Beau Jack," he went on to the world lightweight title. (Right)—Giuseppe Carrora, who was given a Scottish name by his manager. As "Johnny Dundee" he became one of boxing's all-time greats, and began an epidemic of other Italian "Dundees."





COLORFUL COGNOMENS.

Through the years, the ring has come up with some weird **noms de boxe.** Battling Bozo, for one. We never could understand why a couple of Italians operated as "Zulu Kid" and "Young Zulu Kid."

Probably the most colorful cognomens boxing has known were those adopted by Negroes—Klondike, Kentucky Rosebud, Dixie Kid, Kid Chocolate and Beau Jack.

Nicknames have been as indigenous to this fight business as ham is to eggs in the U. S. A. and fish is to chips in England. A nickname can spring from almost anything. It may come from a fighter's nationality, or from his home town or state. Often enough certain physical traits will be responsible, as in the case of "Silent" Martin, a deaf-mute, or "Yi-Yi" Erne, who stuttered when he talked. A profession also may figure in, as with "Fireman" Jim Flynn.

Some nicknames are natural developments. For instance, it was obvious that a Negro named Henry David Flake would wind up as "Snow" Flake. And what could be more logical than for a Gus Mell to be dubbed "Pell" Mell? Or for a Stanley Yoakem, with his ability to sop up punishment, to be called "Soakem" Yoakem?

It was a common practice for a fighter coming out of the Army or the Navy to tote a title tying up with his branch of the service. Through the years we had Gunboat Smith, Soldier Bartfield, Navy Rostan, Sailor Friedman, Sapper O'Neill, Captain Bob Roper, Sergeant Sammy Baker, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Seaman Watson, Bombardier Wells and a mob of others.

Communities also have been advertised by fighters, as in the cases of Harlem Tommy Murphy, Montana Jack Sullivan, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Pekin Kid Herman, Bermond-

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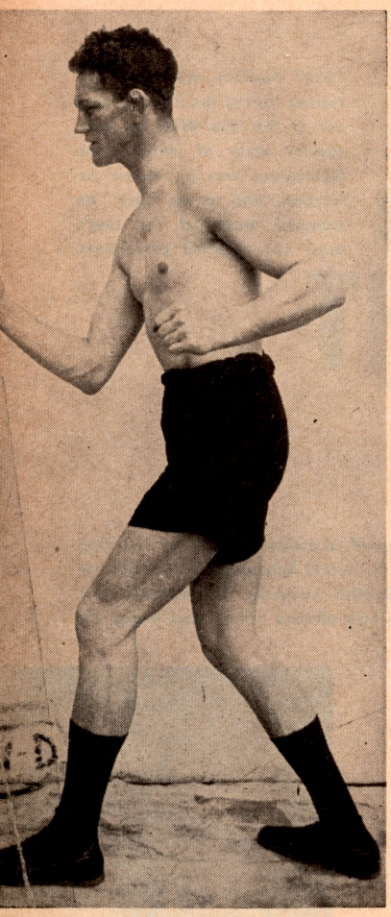
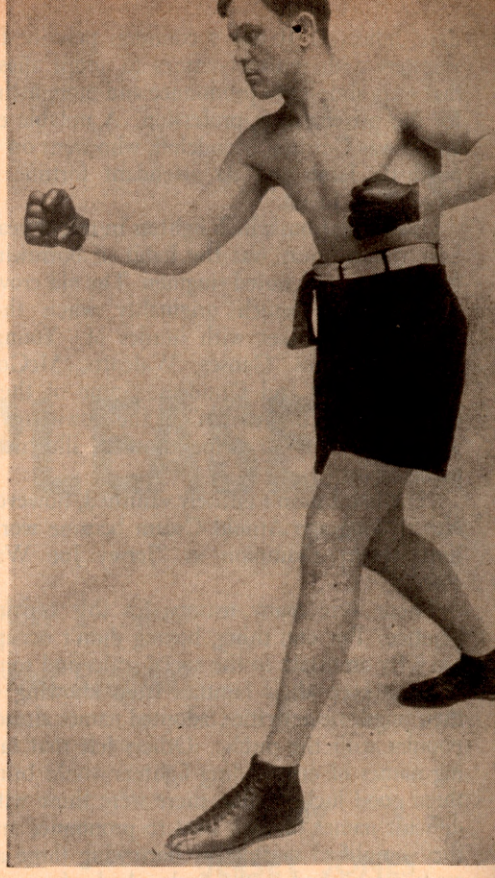


Jimmy Clabby, clever veteran whose fight with George Chip created a stir in boxing circles.

Carry Your Man And it's Fakery



George Chip was an ex-champion when he faced Clabby. Two weeks after an earlier meeting in Wisconsin which had been a no-decision affair.

Cases of "No Contest" also in that category,- Chip and Clabby were thrown out.

By DAN DANIEL

IN his investigations into goings on in boxing, The Ring Detective has run into a variety of "contest" which long has been known as a waltz.

In this type of encounter, one fighter carries the other, or both of the ringsters fail to exert themselves.

It is the firm decision of the Ring Detective that in either case, those involved are subject to billing as fakers.

The boxing public which pays to see a contest is entitled to a fight, a true effort by both men to win. Boxing is not a sport of charitable impulses, or concern about personal feelings.

The boxer who carries an opponent is just as much a faker as the one who enters into a deal. In fact, quite often the carrying gimmick is the result of a deal. As for two men entering a ring to put on a half hearted, non-competitive affair–that's out and out fakery.

The Ring Detective wants to say for the boxers of today that the frequency of waltzes involving two men who are not trying is far below that of, let us say, a generation ago.

There is far too great a tendency to castigate the fighters of today, to hold them up in a false light as compared with the boxers of what some are pleased to call "the good old days."

The public of the "good old days" was fleeced by ring fakers with fair frequency. Now we find suspicious looking fights few and far between.

The question might be asked, why should there be any funny looking things, at all? Well, why should bankers abscond and wise men turn fools? Why should we be sold out by politicians? It's the nature of the beast, and if a boxer curdles, well, he is one of the beasts.

The Ring Detective has run into cases of carrying among the ranks of some of our best fighters. They see these things as redounding to their credit, as evidences of their humane reactions, and sometimes have the effrontery to defend their action. However, it is fakery.

I am reminded of a special case in which a leading boxer of today, appearing for a charitable cause, carried his inferior opponent for fifteen rounds. An out and out effort conceivably would have ended it in three heats.

To begin with, it was a mismatch. Too often, such things are forced by the very cause for which they are set up. The stronger boxer wants to help charity–up to a point. But he does not want to place himself in jeopardy. Thus, the mismatch and, thus the carrying phoney.

In the case to which I refer, there was a lot of unpleasant

talk about the winner having bet on the fight going the limit. Investigation by The Ring Detective failed to support this loose talk. But it was only natural that it should have spread.

There is a Latin axiom which says that of the dead, say nothing but good. However, in boxing this is not always possible. This must be evident to those who follow The Ring Detective's investigations.

Nowadays we never, or, in any event, very seldom, see both men ordered out of the ring by the referee for not trying. But the records show quite a few of such happenings in "the good old days."

I was reminded of a flagrant case of no-contest in November, when I learned that George Chip, onetime middleweight champion of the world, had died as a result of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car on a road near New Castle, Pa.

On May 12, 1915, in the St. Nicholas Rink in New York, Chip, who on April 6, 1914, in Brooklyn, was knocked out by Al McCoy, losing the middleweight title to a man rated far below him, experienced the jolting misadventure of being heaved out of the ring in the eighth round. His companion in this experience was another famous middleweight, Jimmy Clabby.

Clabby, native of Norwich, Conn., was one of the fastest middleweights in the history of the class. Only Mike Gibbons excelled Jimmy in boxing skill and ring maneuvering.

The Chip-Clabby affair was a waltz from the start. Billy Roche, the referee, early showed a strong distaste for the way things were going. Eventually he stepped between them and announced that he wanted more action.

However, Chip and Clabby did not take Roche seriously and continued their terpsichorean act. Once again Roche warned them.

Finally, in the eighth, Roche stopped the burlesque, threw Chip and Clabby out of the ring, and turned them into the New York State Commission.

The Commission took far too charitable a view of this phoney and suspended the culprits for only one month. They weren't likely to fight within that period, anyway.

Two days after his suspension had expired, Chip went back into action, in Philadelphia, in one of those six rounders, with Sailor Grande.

Chip was somewhat thicker skinned than Clabby and went right on his way until April 24, 1922, when he sang his swan song in a no decision affair with Frank Maguire in Lancaster, Pa. In February he had lost a fifteen round decision to Battling Ortega in New York.

Clabby felt demeaned by being thrown out of the ring and suspended, and fought only once more in the United States until 1921. On July 12, 1915, Clabby went ten against Frank Farmer, at Oshkosh. Clabby then moved to Australia. He remained Down Under through 1920.

In 1921, Clabby returned to the United States. The old fire was gone. Jimmy was 41 and not in good health. He lost a twenty to Billy Shade in Seattle and then came the big blow. Frank Burns knocked him out in the fifteenth.

On July 31, 1923, Clabby was stopped in the second by Morris Schlaifer, in East Chicago. Jimmy had reached the end of the line. He died in 1934.

A case of a waltz in which neither fighter was penalized comes to mind. In February 1915, Frank Mantell, top-flight middleweight, met Jack Dillon, one of our more famous fighters, in the ancient Atlantic Garden on the Bowery in New York.

It was a bad night outdoors. The house was meagre. Dillon and Mantell proceeded to go through ten dreary rounds for which they may have got $50 apiece from Lew Raymond. They should have been thrown out of the ring. But it was so nasty outside.

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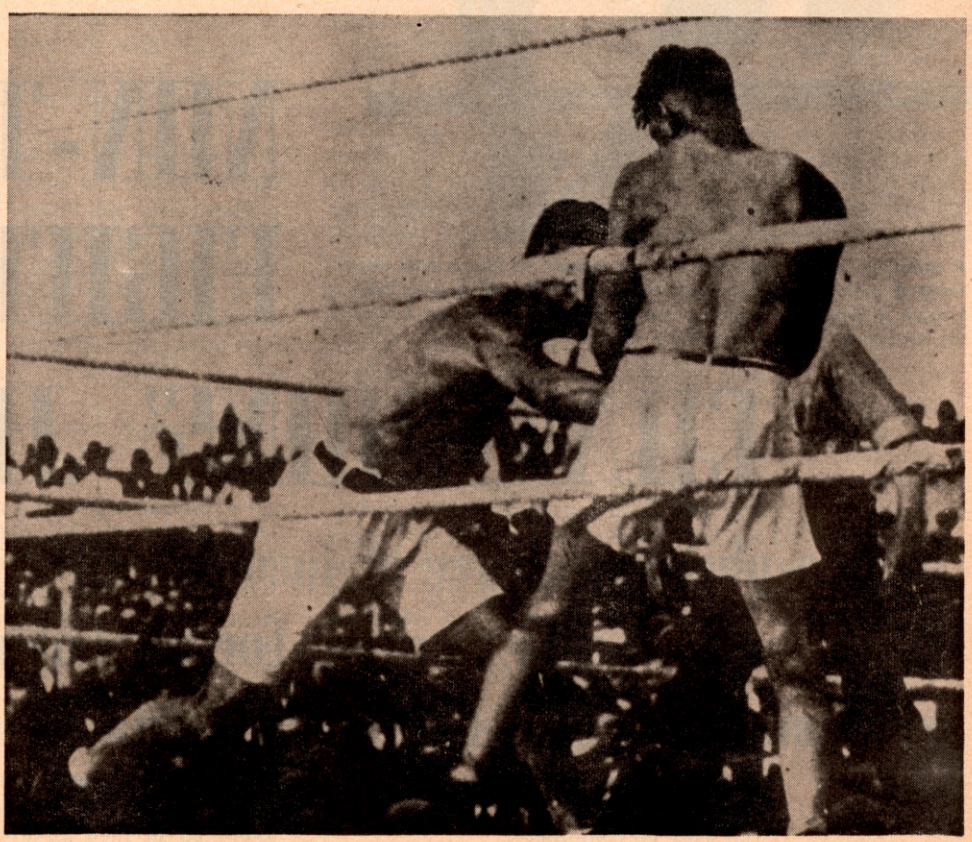


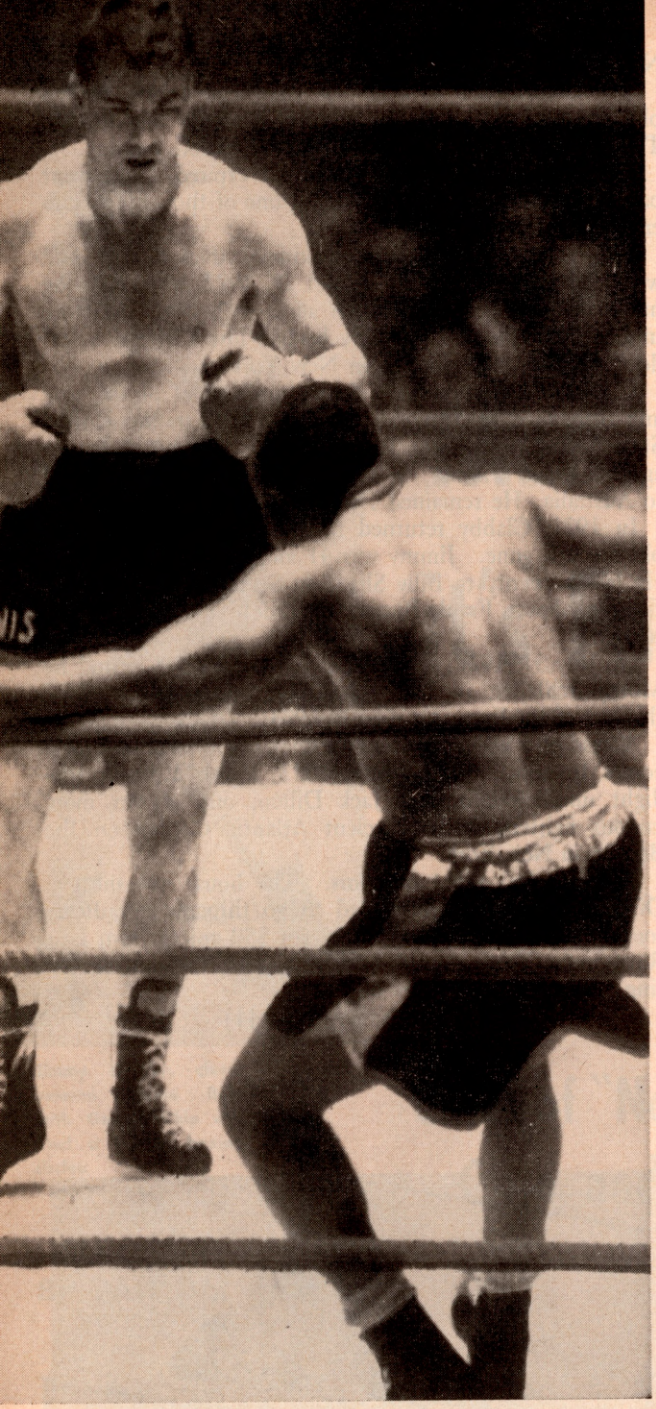
Jack Dempsey (left) carries the attack to Billy Miske, during their bout in which Dempsey carried his man so that Miske who was seriously ill could gain a needed pay day.

By LEW ESKIN

NON-TITLE FIGHTS....

CHAMPIONS' JINX

Once a pleasant source of income and a safe workout for titleholder, overweight matches became a nightmare for crown wearers in 1960.



A distasteful position for proud Archie Moore. The above was the result of a vicious last round attack by Giulio Rinaldi of Italy that brought a knockdown count by the referee and gained for Giulio the decision in a non-championship contest.

THE past year was a rough one for the boxing champions. In the past, titleholders looked forward to engaging in non-title fights. It was an opportunity for them to pick up easy money and get good workout without endangering their precious crown.

However in 1960 it was a risky business for the champions. Every one who engaged in a non-title bout got himself licked. Lightweight champion Joe Brown who set a new record for successful title defenses in his division, was defeated twice.

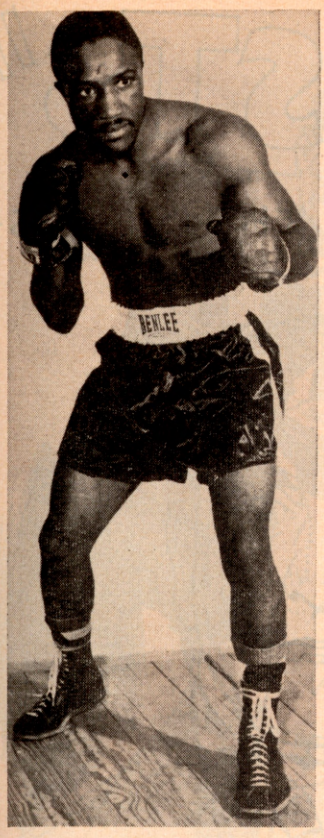
Heavyweights Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson; middleweights Ray Robinson and Paul Pender, and flyweights Pascual Perez and Pone Kingpetch escaped the stigma since they did not have any non-title bouts during the year, but the first named in each of the above lost his crown to his challenger.

The first to bite the dust, was featherweight champion Davey Moore who was stunningly knocked out by the Venezuelan, Carlos Hernandez, in the seventh round of their bout in Caracas on March 14. Davey, who three weeks earlier in the same city had stopped Italian champion, Sergio Caprari, in a non-title contest, figured to have a tough fight, but only the possibility of a home town decision troubled him. After two close rounds, Hernandez went to work and dropped Moore twice with powerful smashes to the head. On the second knockdown Davey was saved by the bell. Again in the fourth, the champion was sent twice to the mat.

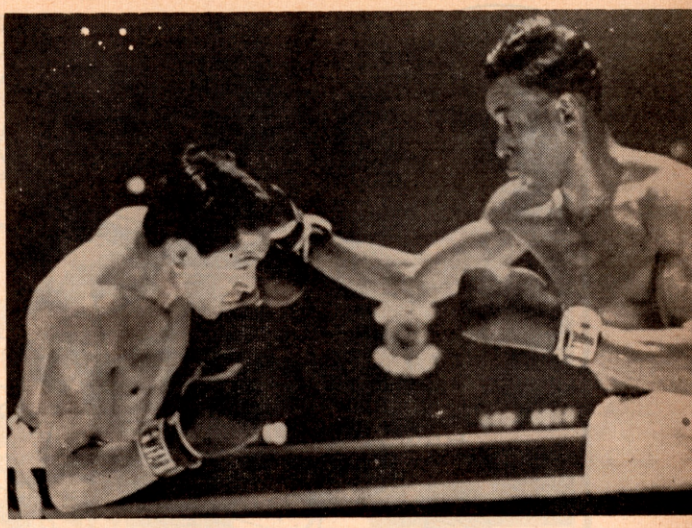
Moore rallied in the fifth and sixth, but Carlos renewed his assault in the seventh and again floored Moore twice. Following the last knockdown, Davey staggered toward his corner and the referee stopped the fight.

An examination following the bout disclosed that Moore's jaw was broken and he was sidelined for three months.

A week later, "Old Bones" Joe Brown who had been on a vacation following the successful defense of his title against Dave Charnley of England the previous December,



Joe Brown, lightweight king, who tasted two bitter defeats in 1960, in overweight matches but held onto his crown, seen here landing a right to the head of Cisco Andrade as he set a new record for successful title defenses.



Davey Moore, the lone fighter to be placed in a class by himself in The Ring's Annual Rating of Boxers, suffered a broken jaw in his bout with Carlos Hernandez in the seventh round in Caracas. He won three out of his four non-title bouts then successfully defended his crown in Tokyo.

made his first outing of the year against the veteran trailhorse, Ray Portilla in San Antonio, Texas.

Ray was a game lad who was completely outclassed by the champion. In the first three rounds, Brown took things easy. It was mere exercise for him, he figured. He was able to call his punches as he toyed with Portilla, who was trying his best to make a fight of it.

Joe decided to step up the action in the fourth round and sent a stiff right to the jaw that almost dropped Portilla. Ray stung, took the attack and fired a barrage of punches at Brown who picked them off with his gloves and arms, but one wild left hook, bouncing off an elbow crashed into the side of the champion, causing him to gasp for breath and hold.

The pain in Joe's body was evident, but he boxed his way through the remainder of the round and stalled through the fifth, while Portilla tried to catch his back-peddling foe. The crowd hooted thinking that Brown was just fooling around and not trying to fight. The fans didn't know that every breath Joe took, racked him with pain. As the bell sounded ending the fifth round, the champ told his seconds that he could not continue and a shocked Portilla was declared the winner by a T.K.O. in the sixth round.

Quickly rushed to the hospital, X-rays showed a fractured costal cartilage of the ribs and Brown was on the shelf for five months.

Brown closed out the year with another surprise when he traveled to Italy to face the Italian titleholder Giordano Campari on December 7 at Milan. The Italian thrilled his followers by sending Brown to the deck in the second round with a sweeping left hook. Brown took an eight count. Although most of the ringsiders felt he was the victor, the vote was four rounds for Campari, only one for Brown with five rounds scored even. Nevertheless Campari's showing, win or lose, was an upset as the official verdict went against the champion.

Don Jordan started the year off as world champion, and matched to defend his title against Benny Paret in Las Vegas on May 27, he took a warm-up bout in Baltimore eleven days before with Candy McFarland, an overgrown lightweight picked for the workout. But Candy, a shifty fellow with a good pair of legs, ran and jabbed his way to a unanimous decision. Though Don closed fast and had Candy in trouble in the last two rounds, as was expected from his Baltimore performance, he dropped his title to Paret.

Benny disposed of Sugar Hart in a non-title bout, his first as champion, then hooked up with Denny Moyer in Madison Square Garden on August 16. Paret was not sharp with Moyer. He permitted the Oregonian to get off rapidly and at times it was Moyer, the boxer, who outslugged the slugger Paret. The fight was close but it was no real surprise when the officials' decision was rendered: "The Winner by a split decision Moyer."

Two weeks later a Juarez, Mexico, another shocker was tossed into the boxing world, when bantamweight champion Joe Becerra was soundly beaten and knocked out in the eighth round by Eloy Sanchez, a tough fellow Mexican, who had not won a fight previous during the year. Becerra, who had a close call some months earlier in San Antonio with Ward Yee, when he was out on his feet at the final bell, never got untracked against Sanchez.

Down in both the fifth and sixth rounds, the champion was sluggish and dull when he came out for the eighth round and quickly was in trouble as Eloy pressed the attack. A solid one-two combination sent him down and out and moments later, Becerra announced his retirement from the ring. Though weight making was given as one reason for his retirement, it was a known fact that Joe, a family man and deeply religious, had lost much of his love for fighting after the death of Walt Ingram, a year previous following their match.

That was the main reason for his quitting. The terrific beating he received at the hands of Sanchez only sealed the issue.

Still to come was one more shocker. Old Archie Moore, the cunning, cagy light heavyweight king, traveled to Italy to face the Italian champion, Giulio Rinaldi in a non-title bout. Moore had been rolling along his merry way since failing for the second time to gain the heavyweight title against Floyd Patterson in 1956, and except for a rough call in his first fight with Yvon Durelle, had little trouble in sweeping past all his opponents. Therefore little chance was given Rinaldi to stand up against the Methusaleh of the Ring.

Moore had lost only two fights since 1951, one to Patterson and the other to Marciano, both as a heavyweight. During that time he had rolled up 52 wins. Only Harold Johnson had been able to beat him except for two losses

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RING "FIRSTS"

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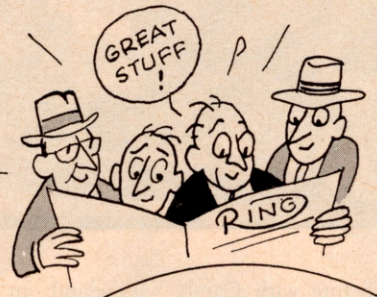

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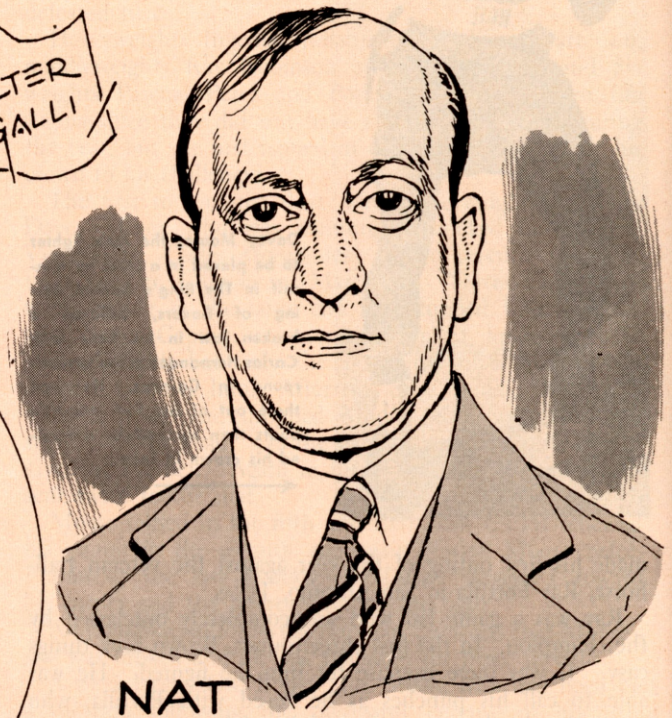

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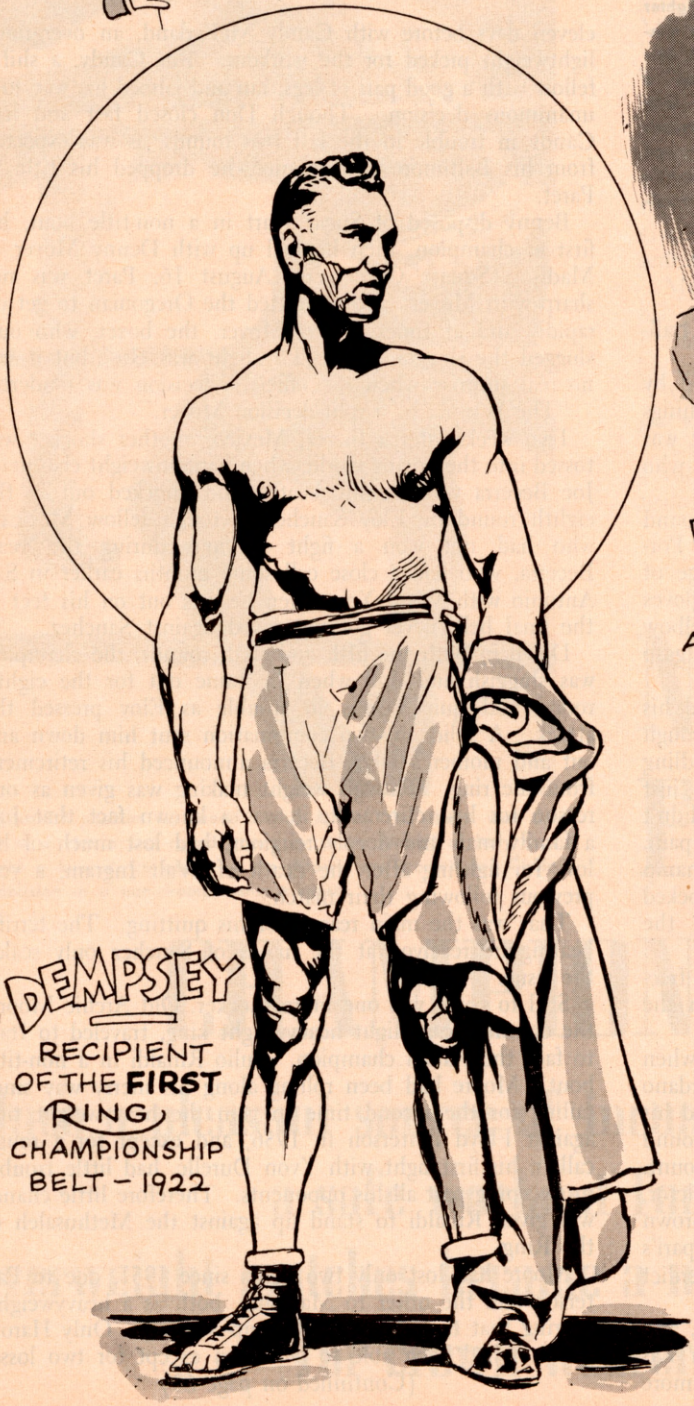

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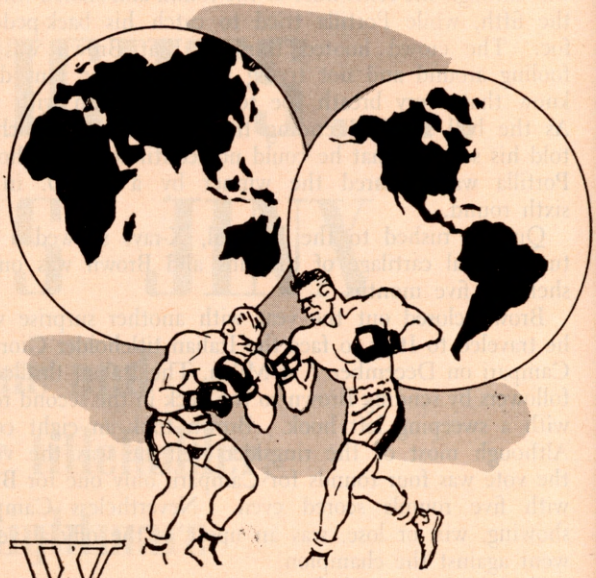

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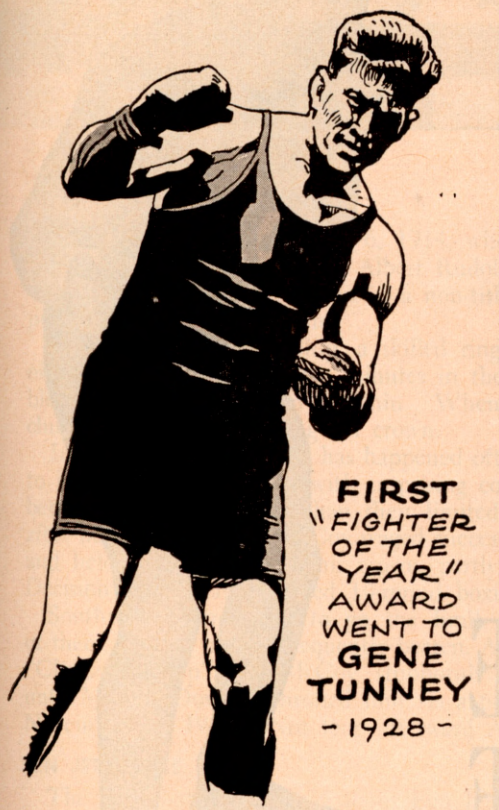

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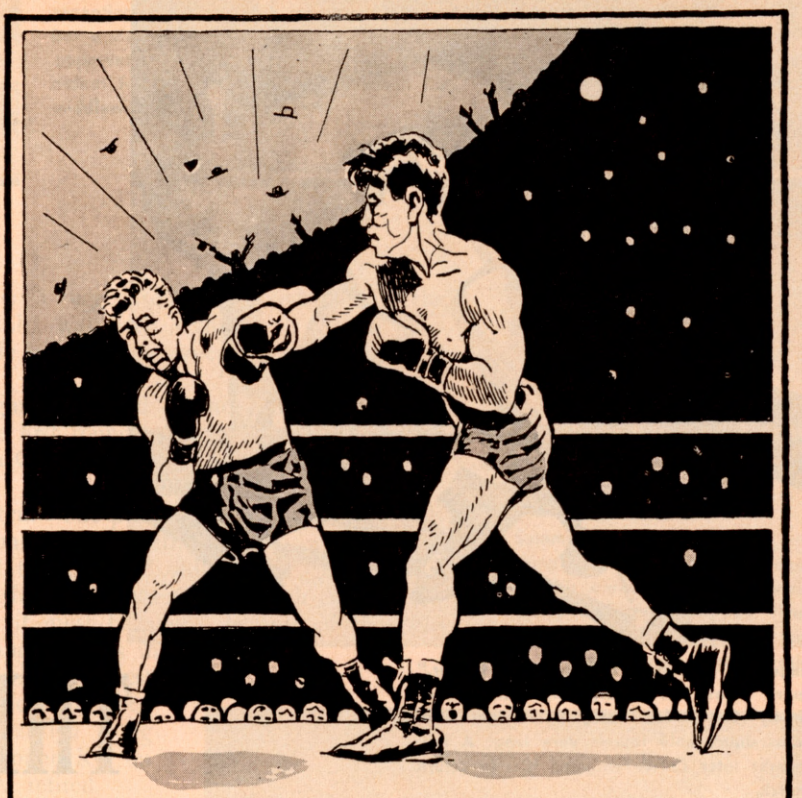

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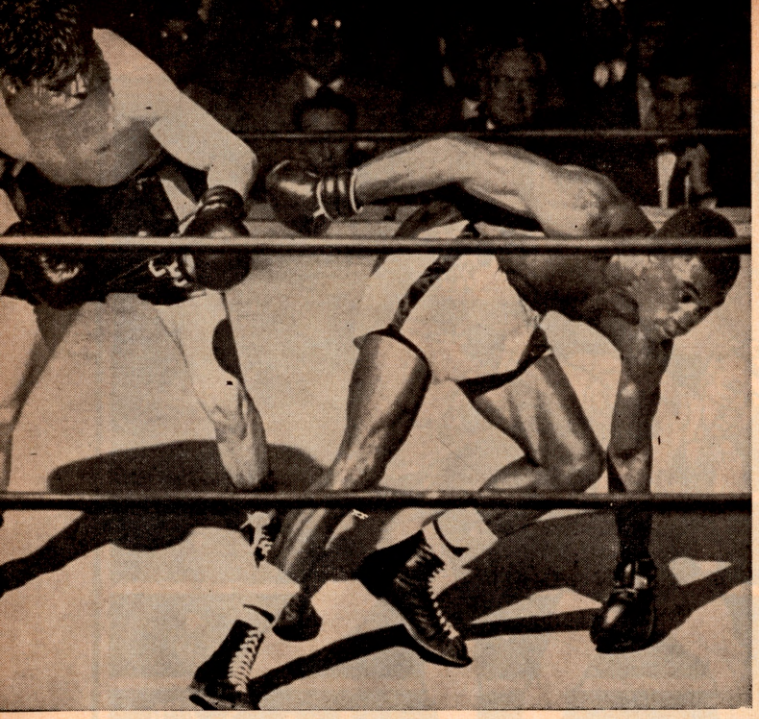
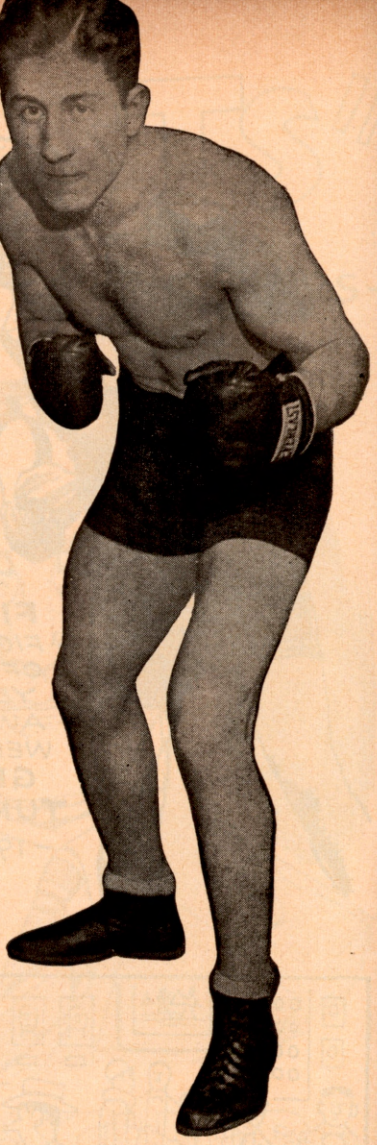


Regarded as merely a busy "club fighter," Lauro Salas scored surprising victory over Jimmy Carter for world lightweight title. Salas didn't hold laurels very long. A few months later Carter whipped him in return match.



Ben Jeby, who was no polished boxer, and lacked many things of being a great ringman, but he used ruggedness, durability and a "fighting heart" to carry him to the top of the middleweight division.

THE MEDIOCRE ALSO WEAR CROWNS

By FRED EISENSTADT

Awkward southpaw Al McCoy, who wrested middleweight championship from George Chip with one wild punch, was called the "Cheese Champion," but it was three and a half years before he was dislodged from the throne.

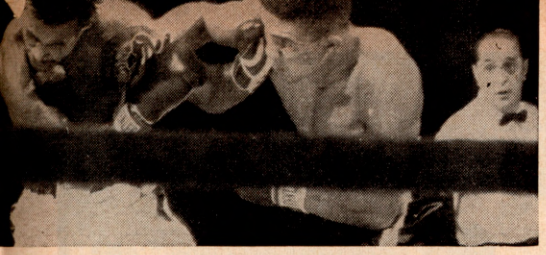
ACCORDING to Webster the word "Champion" means: "One formally acknowledged supreme in a branch of athletics . . ." etc.

Which, in fistic lingo means: "A guy who is top mittman in his division—the best—he's gotta be able to box an' punch. A fella who is a peach in the cauliflower garden."

It is not uncommon, however, for onions to sprout in a Garden where spirited fruit should flourish. It is therefore ironic that too often mediocre or untalented scrappers succeed in acquiring boxing titles. Added to the irony is that their skilled contemporaries are forced to plod along and to punch out a meager living, usually augmenting their ring earnings with a side job while their less capable brethren are sitting on the top rung of the ladder.

There have been cases where ordinary mitt-slingers were built up for title shots by the simple expedient of knocking over a carefully selected collection of inept opponents or professional losers, thereby ascending the fistic throne. In other instances, sheer luck was responsible.

For example:—an unhandy pug in some dark manner gets a title shot; he's given practically no chance to win; he blunders along for several rounds, taking a beating but swinging wildly, blindly. Lady Luck is with him. By chance he lands a blow on the champ's jaw, knocking him cold. The referee counts the champ out and the plodder miraculously becomes champion.



Randy Turpin (right) was on his way to repeating surprise victory over Ray Robinson but a desperate rally by Sugar Ray turned apparent triumph into sudden, dramatic defeat for the Britisher in return match for middleweight title.

Sammy Angott, who was anything but a clever, graceful boxer, but his awkward mauling tactics whipped better equipped rivals and Sammy roughhoused his way to the lightweight championship.

AL (CHEESE CHAMP) McCOY

Such was the case on April 6, 1914, when a rugged southpaw, boxing under the name of Al McCoy (right tag Albert Rudolph), was given a chance to fight middleweight champion George Chip in a non-title bout. Ring experts gave the awkward port-sider no chance to win.

So what happened? Chip, a skilled ringman, stepped around McCoy and easily outboxed him for about two minutes in the first round. Suddenly Al threw a wild blow and clipped Chip on the chin. When George awoke he was ex-champ and the clumsy clouter was wearing his crown.

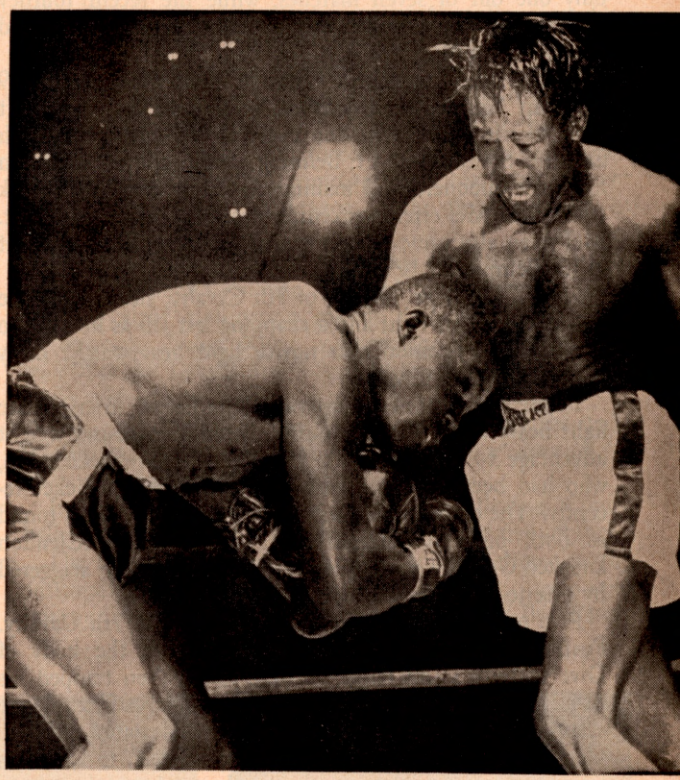
Incredulous? Yes, but it has happened often. The possession of a title often tends to imbue mediocre boxers with surprising confidence and stimulates them to become better fighters, far better than their limited talent would ordinarily suggest. Thus, after becoming champ, McCoy waged successful battles against top-notch competition and held tenaciously onto his crown, partly it must be added, because of the "No Decision" rule that governed 10-round boxing contests in those days.

Southpaw Al managed to go the limit with the best of them, though he was frequently beaten. And so, dubbed "Cheese Champ", Al McCoy stubbornly battled along until Mike O'Dowd dethroned him via a 6-round KO on November 14, 1917. Not long afterward Al retired.

BEN JEBY CASE

The best that can be said about Ben Jeby (right name Morris Jebaltowsky), is that he was tough, willing and dead game. He took his share of wallops and usually lambasted his rivals in return. Ben, however, was lacking in the graceful fistic skill required of a champion. Yet, by plodding perseverence, courageous fighting, during which he scored knockouts, won and lost bouts, Jeby acquired a strong claim on the 160-pound title by outpunching Chick Devlin in 15 rounds, on November 21, 1932, for the vacated crown. On January 13, 1933, by dint of hard fighting and harder punching, Ben stiffened Frank Battaglia in 12 heats, thus strengthening his claim to the legitimate middleweight title.

In his fifth bout that year, on July 10, Jeby decisioned Young Terry in a 15-round contest, clinching the NBA title. However, in his very next showing a month later, while defending his laurels against Lou Brouillard, Ben suffered a 7-round knockout at the hands of the rugged clouting southpaw, thus losing the crown. Being tough, courageous and aggressive are not sufficient ring qualities for holding onto a world boxing championship. Skill is also a prerocative.



Johnny Saxton (left) in his disputed triumph over Kid Gavilan for welterweight title. Saxton wasn't very consistent as champion. In two years he lost laurels, regained them, then lost them again, and two years later he was finished as a fighter.

CARNERA'S BUILD-UP

One of the most "built-up" pugilists in ring history was Primo Carnera, originally an Italian circus giant. Leon See, a shrewd imaginative Frenchman, conceived the idea of making a fighter of the 6-foot-6, 256-pound strong man. Thus Primo, a good-natured chap was launched on a ring career.

The Frenchman was soon joined by other canny individuals, who matched the easy-going giant with a number of pushovers in Paris, Italy, Germany, England, for a period of sixteen months. Then the "Ambling Alp"—as a boxing reporter had named Primo—was brought to New York and was turned over to Bill Duffy and Walter Friedman who were in a position to push him along. And so, in 1930, Carnera performed in cities throughout the United States—taking part in 26 contests in which he scored 23 knockouts, won one bout via the decision route and one on a foul besides losing the duke to Jimmy Maloney.

The build-up for the untalented chap continued the following year in which he scored 7 kayoes in ten fights, won 2 decisions and lost in 15 rounds to Jack Sharkey. In 1932, during which Sharkey had only one fight, winning the heavyweight title from Max Schmeling, Primo was taken on another build-up tour through Europe until July. Then he finished his itinerary in various states in this country—scoring 16 KOs, winning seven decisions and losing two.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By JOHNNY ORT

HQ., U. S. 1st Cav. Div., Korea—Scoring seven victories in eight bouts, the 7th Cavalry vaulted over the 5th Cavalry and 12th Cavalry into first place in the second fight night of the 1st Cavalry Division boxing league.

The Blue Lancers stayed two points off the pace by losing only one out of seven matches, while the recent tourney leaders, the 5th Cavalry, copped only three contests and slumped to third.

In the main event, 8th Cavalry's Fred McFerren, 1959 All-Army light welter champion, capitalized on a crisp left cross to win a close decision over Eddie Smith of the 4th Cavalry. Smith, 1959 Ft. Benning champ, moved inside on his taller opponent and maintained a bristling body attack which had McFerren weakening near the end of the fight. McFerren also came out on top when the two fighters met at Ft. Benning in 1958.

Ossie "The Toe" Wood, of 7th Cavalry, showed that he had power in his right and a snapping left jab as he sped to a unanimous decision over novice light heavyweight Larry Spencer of 12th Cavalry.

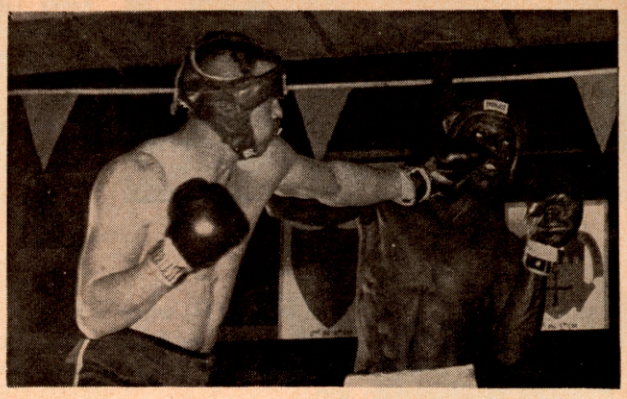
In the best bout of the evening, Blue Lancer intermediate light heavyweight Garnett Griffith used a six-pound weight advantage to overcome 7th Cavalry's Gerald McClendon, who had been advanced into the intermediate bracket recently. The crowd was on its feet throughout the final round as both fighters struggled for a knockout. McClendon knocked Griffith's mouthpiece out and in turn was staggered by a series of chopping right hands at the bell.

Five novice fighters piled up points for the 7th Cavalry. Featherweight Wilbert Chappell worked on the body of Div. Training's Jim Riggs, for one round then trapped his man in a corner and had him helpless as referee Herb Deese stopped the match at 1:23 of the second round. In the same weight class, Valentin Matos pummelled 5th Cavalry's Sun Do Lee at will and in the third round sent Lee again to waltz off with a unanimous decision.

Light welterweights Henderson Abram and Rubin Humphries both started strong to win the first two rounds, then tired and hung on to stagger to close decisions over 8th Cavalry's Percy Tyler and 5th Cavalry's Kyung Hon Pak.

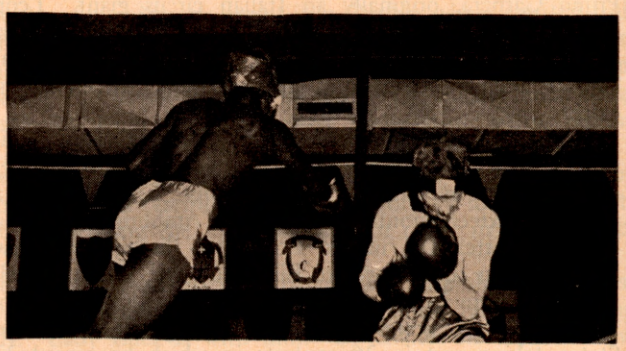
In the oddest fight of the young boxing season, light middleweight Foster won an easy decision from Charlie Black of the 4th Cavalry. Black fought from neither a right-handed or left-handed stance. Instead, he walked straight forward with his eyes closed and absorbed punishment for three full rounds.

Dick Whitehead won a welterweight class open division match from the Black Knight's Curtis Fuller for the 7th's other win. Early in the final round, he doubled up Fuller with a series of uppercuts and kept his man in trouble with a chopping right hand.

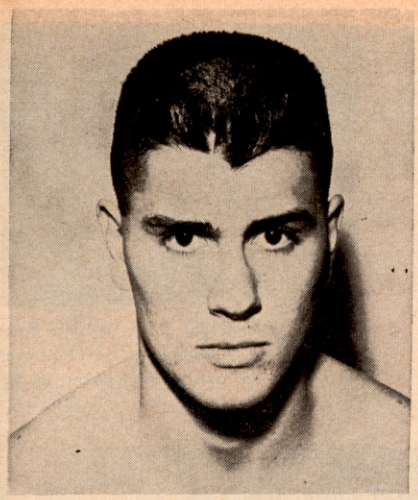


Garnett Griffin (Left) and Gerald McClendon slugging it out in a bout in the 1st Cavalry Division Boxing League held in Korea with Griffin coming out on top.

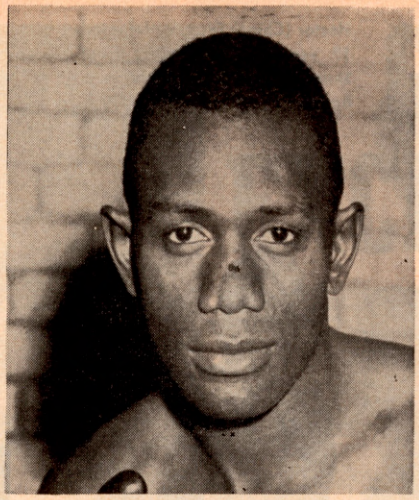
Chuck Mitchell of the 8th Cavalry was knocked out by Rudolfo Chavez in 1:57 of the first round from a left to the stomach in an intermediate featherweight bout held in Korea.



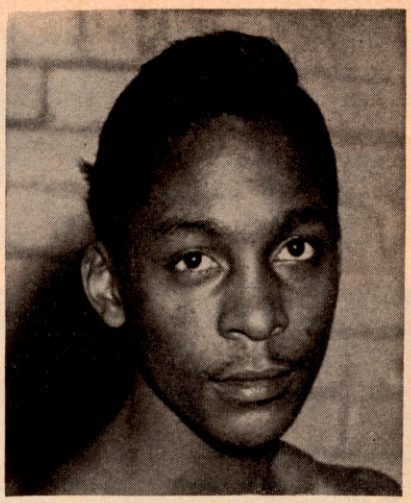
Albert Foster picks up points on his way to a decision in the 1st Cavalry Division battle group competition.



Ken Schousky, welterweight, Bolling A. F. boxing team, a New York star.



Fred Burriss, welterweight, Bolling, A. F. boxing team, 1958 Golden Gloves champ.



Howard Smith, bantamweight, Bolling A. F. boxing team, and inter-service champ.

12th Cavalry boxers were hard pressed to maintain their impressive record this year. Three split decisions went their way. In the evening's first match, open bantamweight Jesus Diaz came out on top over 8th Cavalry's Sherman Chapman. Feliciano Aldaco got off the floor against Div Trains' intermediate bantamweight.

In Shik Shin, to keep the Blue Lancers in the winning habit, and counterpunching middleweight Roy Nation extended his season's record to 2-0 with a win over 5th Cavalry's Monroe Owens.

Fighting in the intermediate class, Leobardo Betancourt had no trouble with Black Knight middleweight Cliazar Beltran. The sharp left hand of novice lightheavyweight Eugene Patterson earned him the nod over 8th Cavalry's Nathaniel Burger.

The only knockout of the three hour program went to featherweight Rudolfo Chavez of the 5th Cavalry. The Black Knight intermediately dropped Chuck Mitchell of 8th Cavalry with a left to the stomach and a right cross at 1:57 of the opening round.

In other bouts, the Black Knight's Shelby While won a return match over 8th Cavalry's Lee Smith and 4th Cavalry's Chester Walker did the same against 5th Cavalry's Alfredo Bess. Middleweight Herb Lewis picked up 5th Cavalry's final points with a victory over 8th Cavalry's Odell Dorsey.

FORT CAMPBELL WINS FLORIDA AAU'S

The Fort Campbell Screaming Eagle boxing team, acting like Jack of Giant killing fame, has chopped down the Fort Bragg, N. C., sluggers twice in as many weeks.

The Eagles defeated Fort Bragg 7-3 in a dual team match this fall at Bragg, and again in December at the finals of the Florida Amateur Athletic Union boxing tournament.

Opposing the Screaming Eagles in the tournament, besides Bragg, were teams representing Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Bliss, Texas, Donaldson Air Force Base, S. C., civilian teams from Florida communities, and Navy teams from the 6th U. S. Naval District. Some 100 fighters were entered in the sub-novice, junior and open divisions of the AAU.

Off to a good start with three wins in 4 first-night open matches, the Eagles took command of an early tournament lead that was never challenged in the three evenings of competition.

Drawing "byes" into the semi-finals and finals, six members of Campbell's ten-man team did not participate in the opening night elimination rounds, but the Eagles' light welterweight James King, welterweight Ray Owens and middleweight Gerald Pate fought their way into the semi-finals with three decision wins.

The only Campbell loss in the eliminations was light middleweight Martin Mack, who yielded a decision to Robert Carpenter of Fort Bliss.

In the Tuesday semi-finals of the open division, Campbell entered six weight divisions and captured five of them.

The Eagles' bantamweight Johnny Joiner, selected as the outstanding fighter of the open tournament, decisioned Johnny Guy of Bragg; Milton Brooks decisioned Ben Parker

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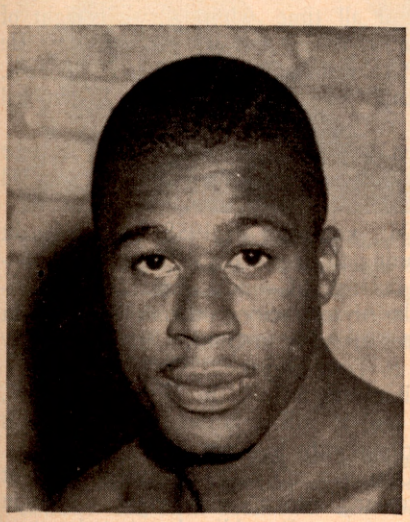
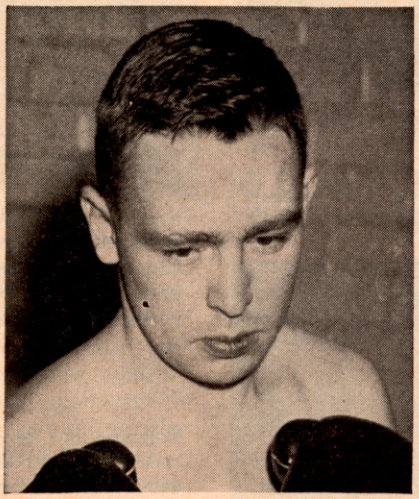
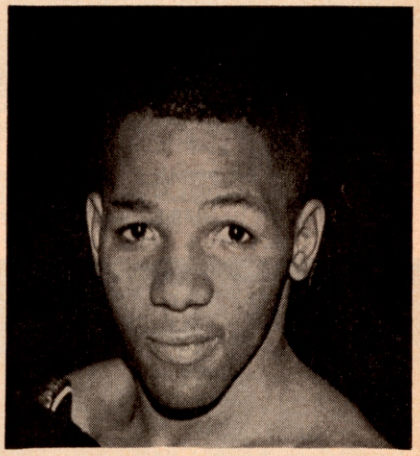


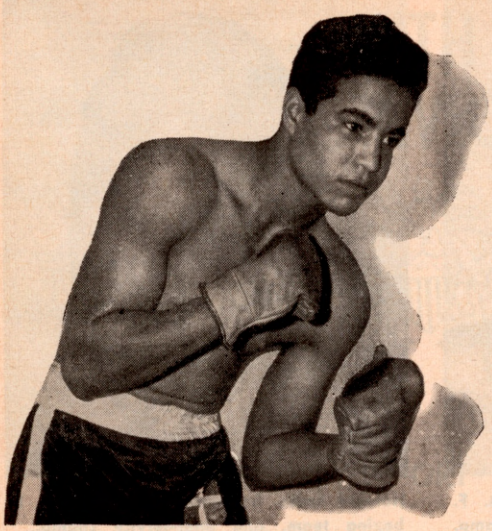
George McCorkle, middleweight, Bolling A. F. boxing team, with a fine record.



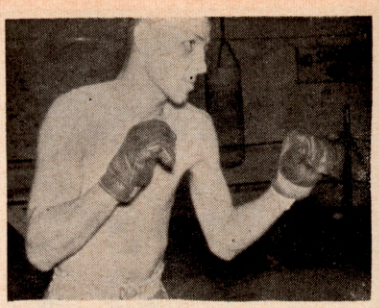
John Cereghin, bantamweight, Bolling A. F. boxing team, former Golden Glover.



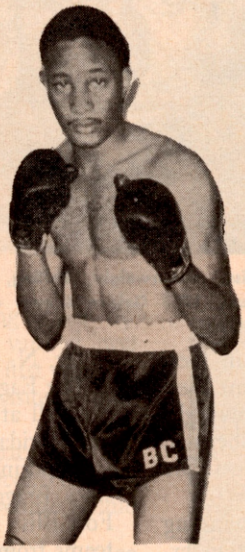
Johnny Joiner, Florida A.A.U. open bantamweight champ, outstanding fighter of the Tournament, now a member of the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.



Hector (Chino) Diaz, undefeated 17 year old lightweight from Santo Domingo, who is now fighting out of Puerto Rico.



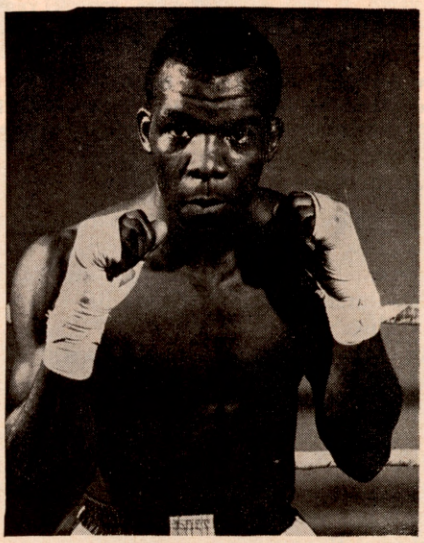
Tough welterweight Billy DePriest from Phoenix City, Alabama, a crowd pleaser who was an outstanding boxer in the Army.



Tall Texan, Curtis Cokes of Dallas, Texas, who kayoed Stefan Redl in his last fight and looms as a prospect.

PLEASING PUNCHERS

By
LEW ESKIN



Power punching Pittsburger, light heavy Connie Vaughn, called the "New Ezzard Charles".

TO be known as a crowd pleaser is something every boxer likes to hear. Many of our greatest ringmen were crowd pleasers and were proud of this tag.

A crowd pleaser is a lad who by his style can stir the fans' enthusiasm and earn for himself the respect of promoters, matchmakers and his fellow boxers. In that category today are Billy DePriest; Hector Diaz; Connie Vaughn and Curtis Cokes.

Cokes is a tall talented welterweight from Dallas, Texas, who since turning pro in 1958 has recorded eighteen wins in twenty-one fights. Twenty-three years old, he comes from a family of eight children, is happily married and the proud father of two youngsters, a boy and girl.

A fine baseball player at Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas where he earned All-State honors, he was talked into taking up boxing by friends who were impressed by his athletic ability. Although his first love was baseball, he decided to give boxing a fling and after winning all of his twenty-five amateur bouts, decided to stay with it, giving up a chance to sign a pro baseball contract, but still keeps his hand in the game by playing with the semi-pro Dallas Cats.

Curtis won his first ten pro bouts before dropping a ten round decision to Manuel Gonzales whom he had defeated twice. Cokes then drew with the Texas lightweight champion Rip Randall and bounced back to knock out Randall in one round. His other loss, also in 1959, was to Frank Davis. Since then he won five bouts in a row including kayos over veteran Amen Peck. In his last fight he halted Stefan Redl.

A good puncher, he has kayoed seven, including four of his last five foes. Cokes became a hot favorite in his home town which has not had a local fistic star in quite some time.

Cokes is employed as a messenger by the National Bank of Commerce in Dallas. He hopes to earn enough money in the ring to open his own business after his boxing days are over.

A tough two fisted ex-G.I. Billy DePriest of Phoenix City, Ala., has won the fans of the deep south with his pleasing style. Billy, who was always interested in fighting after two of his six brothers had won service titles during World War II, did not get a chance to try his hand in it until he joined the Army in 1953. While in service, he fought eighty-nine times, winning all but seven contests.

In 1955 and 1958 he lost in the finals of the Alabama Golden Gloves, the first time as a welterweight and the last as a middleweight. As a service boxer he compiled one of the top records of all time, winning twenty-eight of twenty-nine bouts and capturing fifteen championships. He won an even dozen All-Korean titles from 147 to 165 pounds, and three times captured the All-Far-East Invitational tournament.

Married for seven years, Billy is the father of three children, a boy five and two girls, four and one year old respectively.

Since beginning his pro career in 1958, he has fought nineteen times, winning thirteen. He defeated Billy Martin, Rufus Kitchens, Dewey Connors, Ross Calvin, Vernon Parker and Ricky Alvarez among others. He turned in excellent performances in losing to Gomeo Brennan, Jimmy Beecham and twice to Tony Dupas.

Billy, who was born on a farm in Waterford, Miss., twenty-seven years ago, is still a farmer at heart and is placing his ring earnings into his own farmland.

Hector 'Chino' Diaz is a tall lanky lightweight who at seventeen is fast growing into a welterweight. Born in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, he started out as

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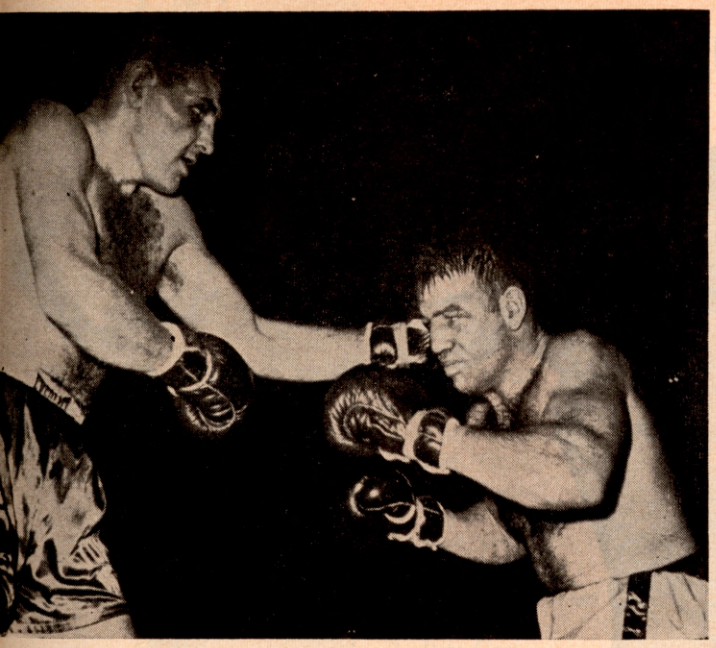
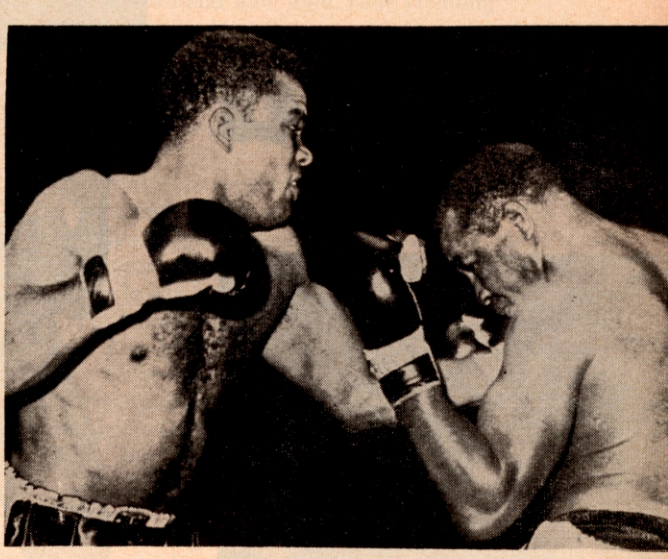
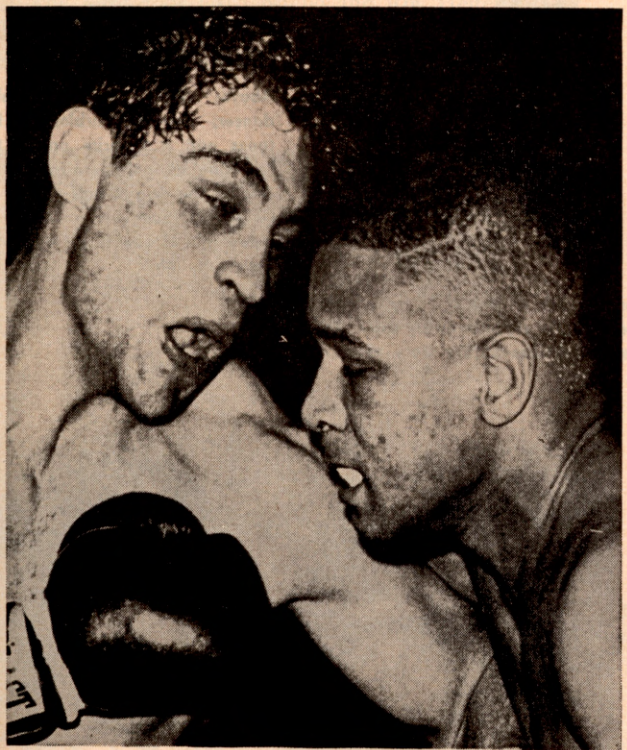
GLOVE EXCITEMENT



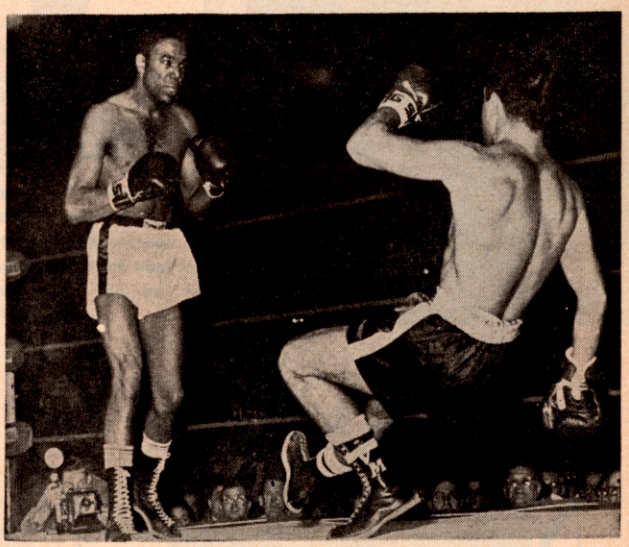
Undefeated Tom McNeeley lands a long left to the head of George Logan during the early moments of their ten rounder at the Boston Arena. Tom won a unanimous decision after ten brawling sessions, his third triumph over the rugged Idaho mauler. It was number 23 in a row for the pride of Arlington, Mass.



Top ranking Eddie Machen lands a left hook to the jaw of New York's Wayne Bethea in the fifth round of their bout at Portland, Oregon. It was Machen's first start since losing to Sonny Liston and he gained the decision after a dull affair in which Bethea showed much more fighting spirit than did Eddie.

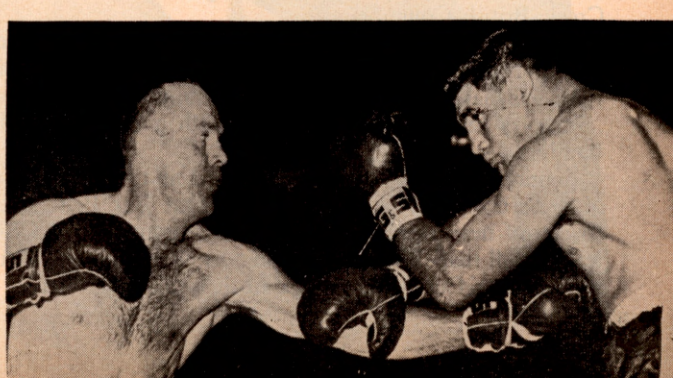


Willie Pastrano (left). of Miami and Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis put their heads together during their ten rounder in Miami Beach in which Bowdry pulled off quite a surprise by taking the unanimous verdict in a hard fought contest. Jesse's aggressive tactics offset the speed and boxing skill of Pastrano, who did not pack enough fire power to hold off his opponent.



End of the Trail? Vince Martinez, long time top welterweight, heads into dream land as he is kayoed by Cecil Shorts in the fourth round of their bout in Cleveland. The referee stopped the contest as Vince stretched out on the canvas. It was the fourth time in the round that Martinez was floored by his 22 years old rival.

Pete Rademacher pokes a long left to the body of Willi Besmanoff of Milwaukee during their bout at Cleveland on Ed Bang's annual Christmas fund show. Rademacher came on strong in the closing rounds to win the unanimous verdict, his second triumph in five days. Previously he had won over Kirk Barrow in Spokane.



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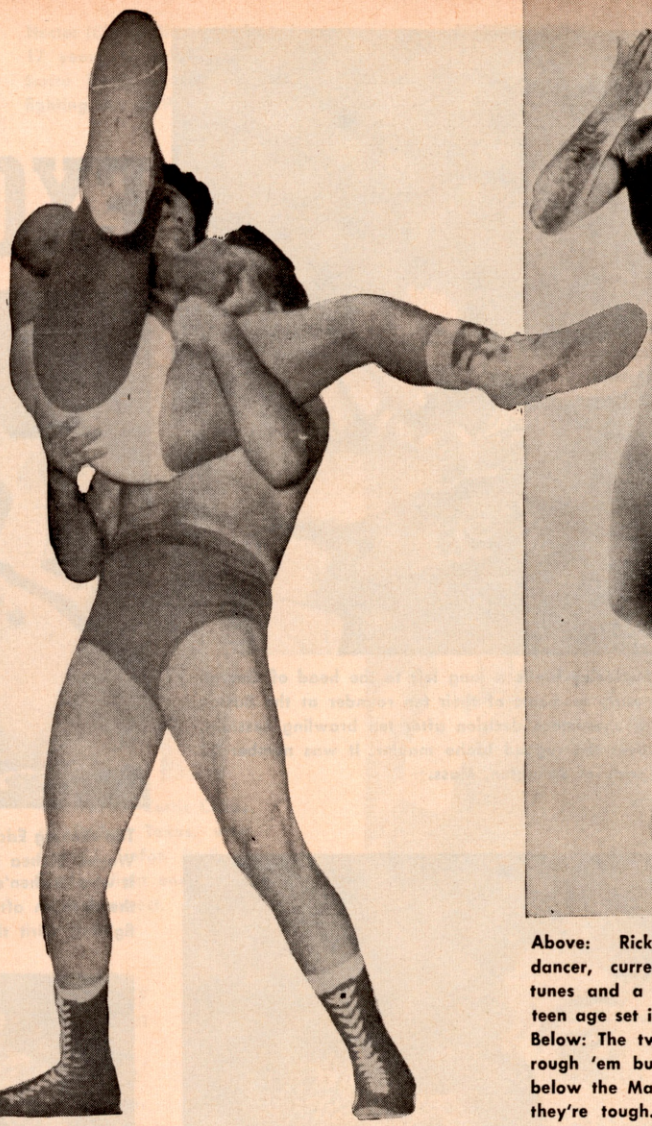
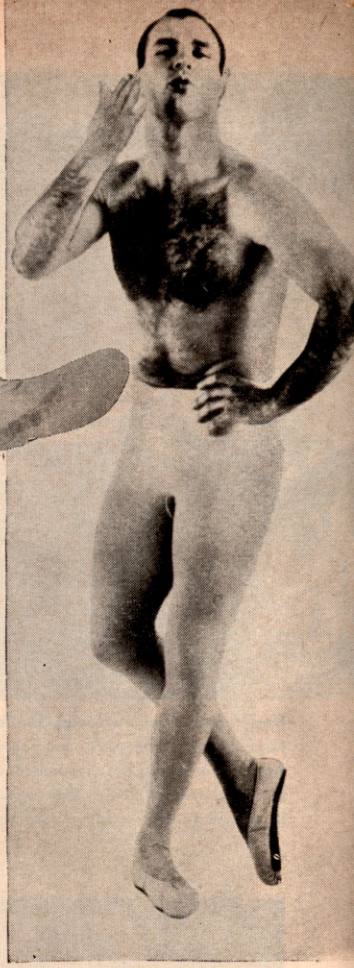




Above: Ricki Starr, ex-ballet dancer, current warbler of hot tunes and a favorite among the teen age set in Eastern rings.
Below: The two Rebels, a pair of rough 'em bust 'em villains from below the Mason Dixon line. Man they're tough.

Left—Gory Guerrero goes to work on Ray Mendoza at Mexico City in bout for light heavyweight crown won by Gory. Above we see the same two some minutes before Gory pinned his man to win the match.

By NAT LOUBET

NOW that a new year has grunted its way around the corner we can only wish each and every reader a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Judy Grable, girl mat star, who has just gotten over a bout with the medics is tossing competition on their backs once again as this is being written. . . . Good ole Tom Deugau has been putting on big league shows at Dawson Creek, British Columbia.

Dr. Richard You, a member of the United States Olympic Committee, has high hopes that the 1964 Olympic team will have some of its members training at Honolulu. . . . Sorry I'm so old! I could do with a little Honolulu training.

Reminiscing about those gay ole days and top promoters of those crazy 1920's called to mind that Jack Pfefer, discoverer of new pacaderms and Al Haft, promoter out Ohio way, are all that's left of the promoters of that period. Paul Bowser, Jack Curley and Lou Daro have all gone west.

Those glorious sports words get a thorough workout by Johnny Salak in his new book, "Dictionary of American Sports," published by the Philosophical Library Inc. Those who want a compendium of sport terminology can do no better . . . send $6 to All Sports, Box 267, Freeport, New York.

Joe Daley has a new picture book with profiles on the market that goes for 60¢. Those interested can write to Joe at Bldg "B" 91 Tulip Ave., Floral Park, New York and he will send your copy to you post haste.

WORLD WRESTLING RATINGS

MEN

1: Pat O'Connor
2: Edward Carpentier
3: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
4: Killer Kowalski
5: Antonino Rocca
6: Johnny Valentine
7: Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis
8: Dick Hutton
9: Gene Kiniski
10: "Cowboy" Ellis

WOMEN

1: The Fabulous Moolah
2: Judy Grable
3: June Byers
4: Barbara Baker
5: Nell Stewart
6: Penny Banner
7: Lorraine Johnson
8: Joyce Scott
9: Rita Cortez
10: Betsy Ross

TAG TEAMS

1: Antonino Rocca and Bruno Sammartino
2: The Kangaroos (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
3: Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski
4: The Gallagher Brothers
5: Ben and Mike Sharpe
6: Lou and Red Bastien
7: John and Chris Tolos
8: Hard Boiled Haggerty and Len Montana
9: The Shire Brothers
10: Frank Townsend and John Paul Henning

FAN CLUB CORNER

Three gals of fine repute, Patricia Holder, Marian Martin, and Opal Warren, P.O. Box 83, So. Houston, Texas, have started a new club inked in as The Torbellino Blanco FC Inc. So write!

Word from Don Spencer, 3726 Chaffin St., Houston 17, Texas, indicated that he is interested in adding a few more names to his Sputnik Monroe Fan Club. . . . Send along word to Don and you can become a Sputnik.

Yours truly has just been appointed as an honorary member of the International Tony Marino FC . . . thanks to President Bart Miller, 27 Oneida Ave., Rockaway, New Jersey. Mrs. Betty Von Hagel of the Indianapolis Von Hagels sends along word that her FC for Pepper Gomez will henceforth be known as the Pepper Gomez Official FC. Those wishing to join may do so by writing to Mrs. Hagel at 3746 South New Jersey St., Indianapolis 27, Indiana. . . . Mike Slyva of 120 Stoughton Street, Dorchester 25, Mass., is interested in enlarging his plans for a Killer Kowalski FC. Prospective members write.

Karen Henderson has spft with her fan club for Golden Boy Dupree. . . . "Due to the fact that he has become a

King Jack of the U. S. Marine Corps, Sir! flips Angelo DeMarco in fast bout before thousands of service men. Jack is a top grappler, who with extra weight could become a contender of serious proportions. Seated, we have Nell Stewart, girl wrestler, and . . . need more be said about Nell? This gal can really wrestle.

The midgets are big news in Southern and Western territories. Gals like this blonde bombshell are headed under Buddy Lee's aegis to Kentucky, as this is being written.

"The brute" posing with a fan, Miss Jane Thompson at Charlotte, North Carolina after a match at the Park Center. (Photo by Gene Gordon).

rough wrestler I am forced to give up his club."

Mike Glover announces his new FC for Shag Thomas, 1532 E. 97th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Margaret Howard, R.R. Number 5, Greensburg, Indiana, notifies this corner that she has started a club for the Whiz Kids, Joe and Guy Brunetti. . . . Any joinees? . . . Barbara Hann of 7400 Du Oley Ave., Cleveland 2, Ohio, welcomes new members to the Cris and John Tolos FC.

1960 BOSTON WRESTLING SCENE

By Al Krtil

The final mat card of 1960 at the Boston Garden featured Wladek "Killer" Kowalski and Antonino "Argentina" Rocca in a hotly disputed match which was ruled "no contest." Referee Ken Barbette was unable to stop Kowalski and Rocca from battling outside the ring during the third fall, and he finally had to disqualify both grapplers.

The new colorful team of Harry Weel and Rudy Saturski (The Bavarian Boys) were held to a draw by veteran Bull Montana and Herry Garvin in the opening bout. New England champ "Killer" Curt Douglas beat Gentleman Nick Valley; Haystack Muldoon topped Pat Kelly; Bruno Sanmartino defeated Miguel Torres; Frankle Scarpa won over Dr. Jerry Graham; Gregory Jarque pinned big Raoul Romero. A percentage of the gate receipts was to go to the Cardinal Cushing Fund. Adverse weather conditions kept the attendance down.

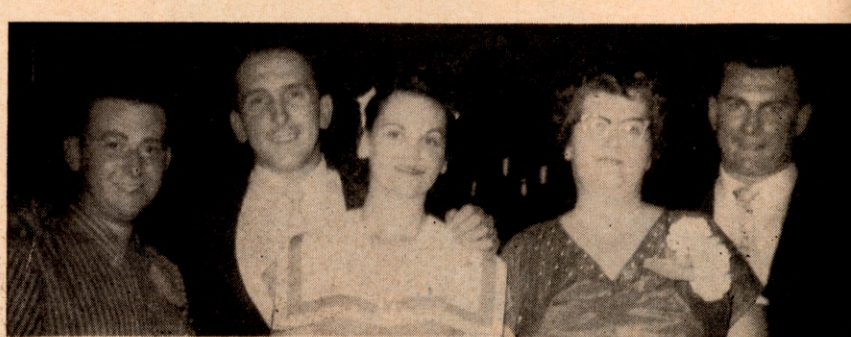
Wladek "Killer" Kowalski was the top gate attraction during 1960 in Boston. In tag team bouts the Killer teamed with Hans Schmidt against ex-world champs Lou Thesz and Edouard Carpentier; Haystack Calhoun and Sweet Daddy Siki—holding the ex-champs to a draw, and losing to the Calhoun-Siki team. Kowalski came back with Karl Von Hess as his partner to whip the team of Bearcat Wright and Sweet Daddy Siki.

Ex-NWA heavyweight champion Lou Thesz just keeps going on. During the past year he was undefeated in Boston matches. His opponents were Don Leo Jonathan, Pepper Gomez, Bobby Managoff, and Fred Atkins.

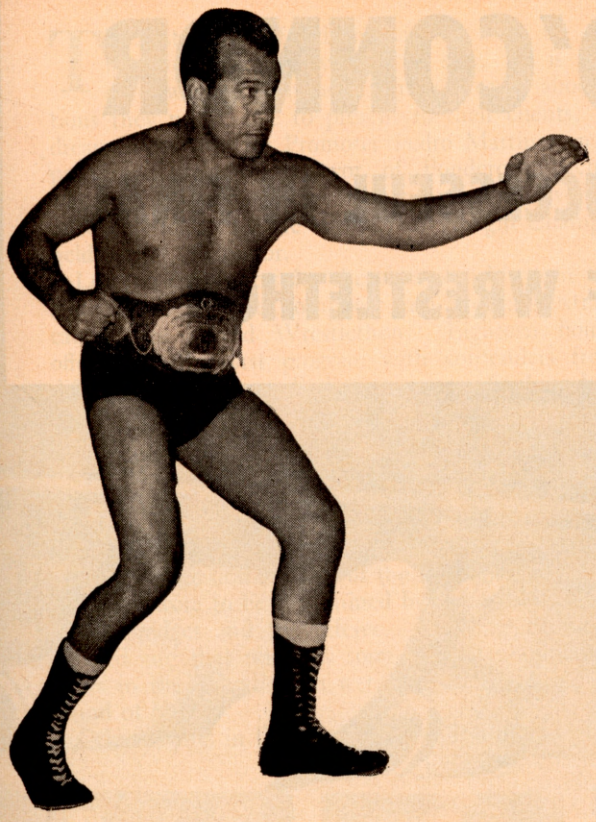
The Blonde Jet—Johnny Valentino, from Seattle, headlined several Boston cards during the past year. His rough and tough bout with Kowalski early in the summer was action packed from the opening bell, and was one of the finest bouts ever held in the Boston Garden. Although Valentine lost in straight falls to the Killer, he was on the verge of scoring an upset several times during gruelling action. Valentine held NWA champ Pat O'Connor to a draw at the arena as the year was coming to a close.

East Boston's Frankie Scarpa lost to Kowalski in a Garden main event. Frank remains a top favorite in Boston. In his other 1960 garden and arena bouts Scarpa faced top opponents, losing to Joe Swiderski, beating Dr. Jerry Graham, Terry Garvin, and went to a draw with Don Leo Jonathan. In a tag team bout Frankie teamed with Bruno Sanmartino to defeat Don Leo Jonathan and Boris K. Fabian. Frank frequently headlines the weekly shows at Rollaway Arena in Revere.

Results of major 1960 bouts: Donn Lewin and Larry



Left to right: A fan with Herb Gerwig and Herb's wife, Helen, followed by Fan Club Prexy Mary Hasley and Johnny Rougeau.



Salvador "Gory" Guerrero, outstanding light heavyweight wrestler from Mexico City, Mexico, who hopes to cause greater interest in U. S. for light heavies.

Prince Maiava seen in ceremonial robes of his island kingdom. In combination with Johnny Walker the Prince has brought a combo to the wrestling scene that is hard to beat.

Moquin—draw; Donn Lewin and Johnny Walker—draw; Hans Schmidt beat Maurice La Pointe; Bobby Managoff beat Bob Tomasi; Bobby Managoff beat Jan Gotch; Eugene Marin beat Mike Higgins; Verne Gagne beat Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis; Haystack Muldoon beat Wildman Pampero Firpo; Prince Maiava beat Angelo Savoldi; Bobby Managoff beat Ted Christie; Chief Big Heart beat Tony Altimore; Jackie Nichols beat Lou Albano; Big Daddy Lipscomb beat Lee Henning; Marvin Mercer and Buddy Rosen—draw.

Latest arrivals in Boston are The Bavarian Boys, who combine speed and scientific grappling; Spain's Raoul Romero and Gregory Jarque, The Texas Rebels, and Jimmy Valentine from Columbus, Ohio. These stars, along with wrestling's biggest attractions, promise another year of top notch mat action for Boston fans in 1961.

ST. LOUIS WRESTLING

By Larry Maysik

This past month in St. Louis was highlighted by a top notch St. Louis House card featuring John Paul Henning and Frank Townsend against Rip Hawk and Rock Hunter.

This fired up foursome had scores to settle from a previous draw. Hawk and Hunter drew first blood when Rock Hunter pinned the singing wrestler, Frank Townsend, with an Irish Whip and a body press in 8:55. In the second fall Frank was declared the winner when Hawk entered the ring without tagging up and was disqualified. In the third fall John Paul and Frank went to work and Henning pinned Hunter with a body slam in 4:53.

In the semi-final Bob Orton subbed for Mike Paidousis and lost to Doug Lindsey. Orton took the first fall after 15:55 but Lindsey bounced back for the final two falls. It took Judy Glover 20:48 to beat Kathy Starr with a drop kick. In the opener Johnny Weaver pinned Carlos Rodriguez with an atomic drop in 10:55.

TV matches saw Sonny Myers flatten Jack O'Reilly, Rock Hunter beat Doug Lindsey, Whipper Billy Watson and Thor Hagen lost to Mike Paidousis and Lee Henning, Jr. Heavy boss Danny Hodge, 202, held 290 pound Rocky Lee to a draw. Paidousis drew with Frank Townsend, Myers beat Lee, Watson pinned Lee Henning, John Paul Henning brawled to a no-contest with Rock Hunter. Henning and Myers beat Lee and Bob Orton, Frank Townsend matted big Hans Hermann, as did Sonny Myers. Weaver beat Lee when Lee tossed him over the top rope like a sack of potatoes and was disqualified, and champion Pat O'Connor and John Paul Henning drew.

The Henning-O'Connor match was one of the cleanest, most scientific matches ever in the St. Louis area. Only once was Henning in serious trouble when O'Connor hit him with a flying body press.

Two boys, Frank Townsend and John Paul Henning, have certainly made a hit in St. Louis. Both rugged fellows are newcomers and now among the most popular. They have joined forces to make a rough and rugged tag team.

Any news on wrestling through southern Illinois or

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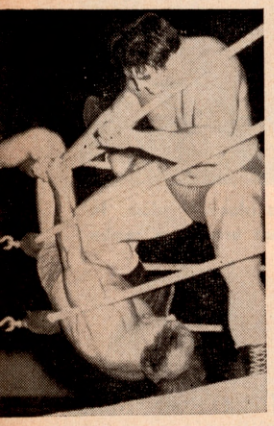
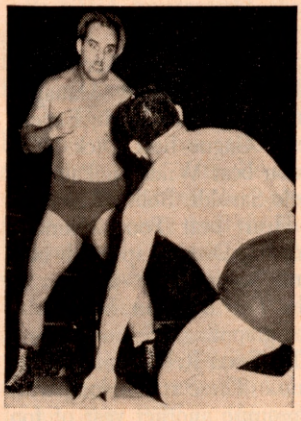
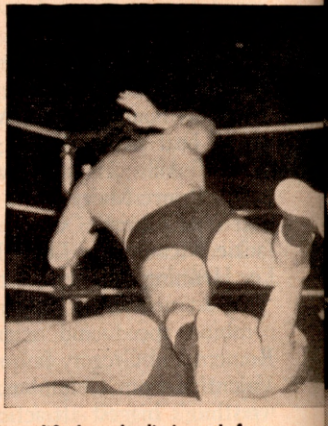
O'CONNOR
SUCCESSFUL IN FINAL OF WRESTLETHON

Keomuka's choke hold caused O'Connor to pass out cold for several minutes but despite this setback the champ came back to retain his title in a bruising battle that concluded the Wrestlethon.







Left to right: Mamouth 310-pound Don Leo Jonathon gives knee to upside down Doc Gallagher thereby being disqualified and eliminated from tourney. Next photo shows Dick Afflis opening a gash on Hercules Romero's forehead. Dick was eliminated when he was disqualified for pounding away at Romero's wound. Irish Gallagher seen in third photo, fighting mad, as he leveled Keomuka to gain leg in tourney and eliminate Keomuka. Last photo shows Romero eliminating Hans Herman with his famous "Belly-Squasher".

STORY AND PHOTOS *By* EARLE F. YETTER

Champion Pat O'Connor defends title against Sato Keomuka in finale of World Wrestlethon held in Buffalo, N. Y. by Promoter Pedro Martinez. Greatest galaxy of wrestling stars assembled in recent years, on any card, was in evidence. Sensational success will make Wrestlethon an annual event.

THIS story is offered in evidence that the sport of wrestling is certainly here to stay. It is true that even wrestling promoters have dreams about attractions they would like to present to their clients. Such a dream came true for Promoter Pedro Martinez, nationally prominent upstate Purveyor of Ponderous Pachyderms, when an international tournament was conceived to produce a contender for the World Heavyweight Championship held by Pat O'Connor.

Leading contenders for the championship were corralled and brought together to appear in a wrestling extravaganza called The World Wrestlethon. Eighteen bouts were offered on the first program with contenders from four different countries. Preliminary, semi-final and a final match were all put on display in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium with more than 10,000 fans on hand.

In the first round of preliminary bouts many upsets and surprises were produced. Doc Gallagher of the famed Gallagher Brothers Tag Team combination defeated the highly regarded Lebanese grappler, The Sheik. It was a 10 minute decision in favor of the Bayonne, N. J. Irishman. All bouts were to be determined by the combined decisions of two judges and the referee. No draw decisions were allowed and that was why some of the prominent participants in the Wrestlethon were eliminated during the first round of bouts.

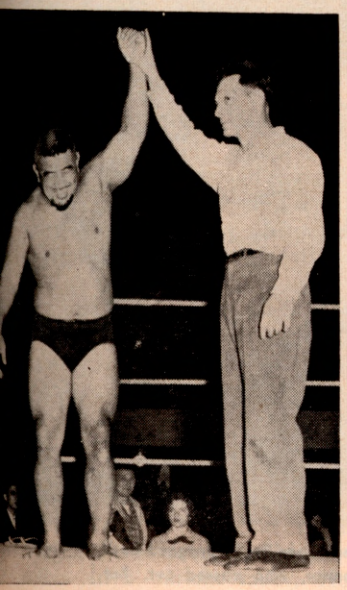
Other results in the first round of the preliminary bouts saw Ilio Di Paolo, Italian champion, defeat the highly-regarded Fritz von Erich of Germany after ten minutes of rough action. This bout was also a decision.

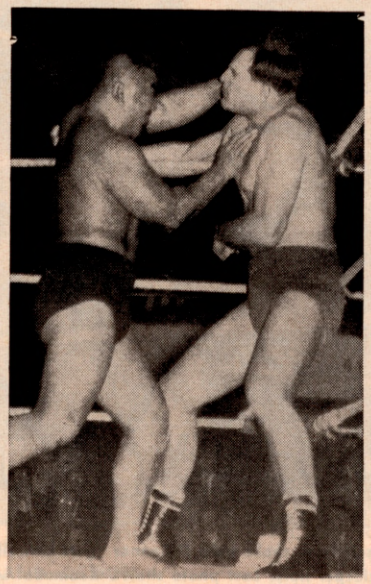
Don Leo Jonathan, Salt Lake City Mormon 310 pounder, defeated Francois Valois with bruising tactics which ended in a corner after 3:41 of all out action. Valois was a former European, Asiatic, and Far East champion, but he was mere putty in the hands of Jonathan.

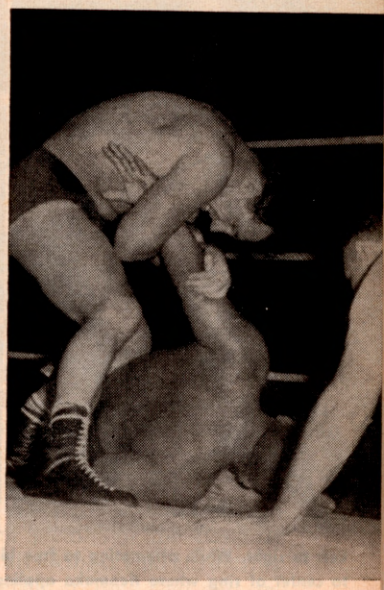
Billy (Red) Lyons, Canadian contender, then surprised the fans with a decision over Texas Cowboy Bob Ellis in a 10 minute decision bout. Sato Keomuka, Japanese judo-chop specialist, actually cut down young Waldo von Erich with vicious judo chops to the throat in 2:42.

Mike Gallagher, the other half of the Gallagher Brothers Tag Team then obtained a 10 minute decision over Duke Keomuka and another favorite was eliminated from further competition. Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis, Reno, Nevada villain of the first water defeated young Fritz von Goering after 3:20 of assorted mayhem. Hercules Romero, 310 pound Spaniard then put an end to the aspirations of Hans Hermann, gigantic German competitor who fell victim to Romero's famed "Belly Squasher" in only 3:20 to end the first round of preliminary bouts.

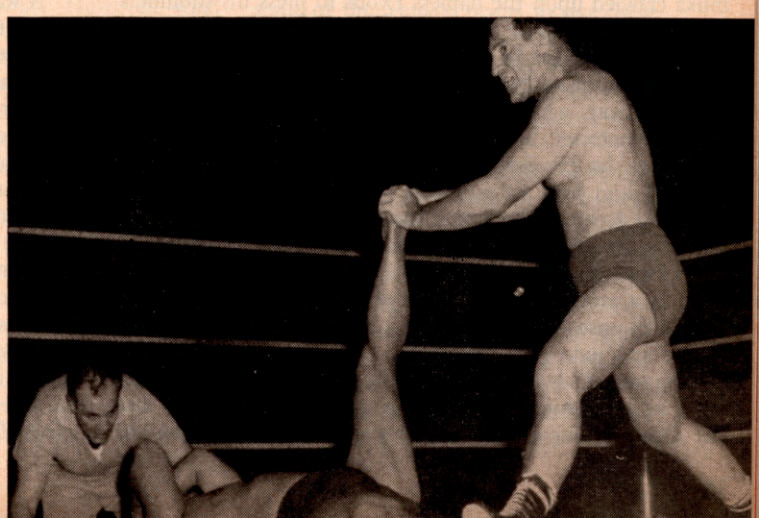
The second round saw more favorites go down to defeat via decision and penalty falls. Sato Keomuka continued his murderous judo chops against Mike Gallagher and stopped the Irishman after only 42 seconds of action to







Left to right: Referee Pete Sacco raises hand of Keomuka when Jap eleminated Billy Lyons in a final bout at Wrestlethon. This win gave Keomuka his shot at O'Connor for the title. Pat O'Connor looking over audience prior to his big bout with Keomuka. Sato Keomuka corners champ O'Connor and dishes out vicious Judo chops and last photo shows O'Connor with savage arm hold, but the challenger broke loose.



Keomuka at mercy of O'Connor's painful left angle split manages to escape after taking great deal of punshiment.

move into the semi-final round of bouts. Billy Lyons then obtained a decision over Ilio Di Paolo who was favored to oppose Champion Pat O'Connor, and thus another favorite was eliminated. Doc Gallagher was then awarded a penalty fall against Don Leo Jonathan.

Gallagher had been hung upside down in a corner by the Mormon and when Jonathan refused to stop planting his knee into Gallagher's stomach, he was disqualified by the referee. Hercules Romero then obtained a penalty fall over Dick Afflis when the Bruiser refused to obey the orders of the referee after 3:56 of action in and out of the ring. Afflis had opened a 6-stitch cut on Romero's forehead and then continued to punch the wound which had been opened when Afflis pushed Romero into the steel ring post. This bout closed out the second round of preliminary matches.

The semi-final bouts saw Billy Lyons continue on to his third victory when he stopped Mike Gallagher with a reverse shoulderstand after only 1:25. The Commission doctor took a look at Romero's wound and refused to let him continue, so the Spaniard had to default to Sato Keomuka, and thus another favorite was eliminated in Romero.

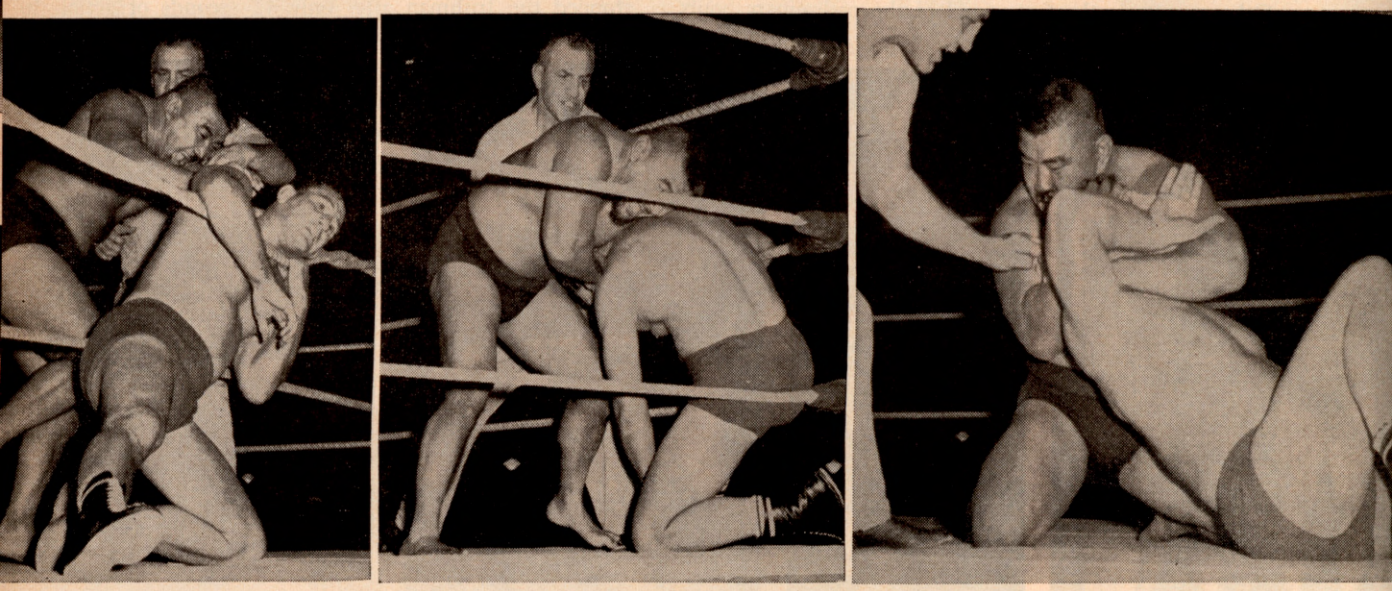
The final bout which was to produce the logical challenger for Pat O'Connor's crown saw Kato Keomuka opposing Billy Lyons. The 238 pound Lyons was holding his own against the wily Jap, but his zealousness in bouncing off the ropes sent him into a mid-ring collision with Keomuka. The impact knocked Lyons unconscious and Keomuka crawled upon the hapless Lyons to press his shoulders after 8:46 of violent action. This victory for Keomuka gave him the bout to be held the following week against World Champion Pat O'Connor. It was a heart-breaking loss for Lyons who had climbed into the final with three previous victories, but his eagerness to score over Keomuka proved to be his down-fall as the mid-ring collision had knocked him hors de combat.

So, the tournament winner was Sato Keomuka. The wily, cunning Jap was confident as he faced World Champion Pat O'Connor. He had held O'Connor to a one hour draw in a previous meeting and now he was confident that he could unseat the champion. Keomuka's knowledge of karatie and judo gave him faith.

Keomuka had O'Connor on the defensive early in the bout as he cornered the champ and started to dish out his dreaded judo-chops. After several exchanges, he had the champ wobbly on his feet, but O'Connor now drew the Jap to the center ring and went to work on the Jap's arms and legs. Apparently, O'Connor figured that if he could take away some of the mobility of the Jap, he could wear him down and make him less dangerous.

In mid-ring, the Champ secured a right-angle leg split and then applied another from the left. This had the Jap gasping with pain, but he wiggled out of the hold when he tripped up the champ and started to apply his dangerous "Sleeper-Hold." The Champ appeared a trifle weary as he moved to the ropes to break up the hold. Keomuka again applied the "Sleeper" and O'Connor forced his way out with a rush to the ropes, where he entangled his head in the top and middle ropes.

Seeing his plight, Keomuka closed in on the champ and applied his "Sleeper" again, but now it was turned into a choke hold. Keomuka brought the champ to center ring and he continued to apply the pressure. O'Connor lost consciousness and slumped to the canvas, and lay there motionless for several minutes. Referee Joe Muscato ruled that the hold was a choke and that he had warned Keomuka to release it on three occasions. Although, the champion had passed out from the pressure of the hold, Keomuka was disqualified for refusing to break the hold after 21:44 and O'Connor's crown was still intact. O'Connor agreed that the Jap had given him many anxious moments but that the illegal choke hold had its consequences in Keomuka's disqualification.



Left to right: While attempting to free himself from choke hold O'Connor gets himself tangled in ropes. Freed from the ropes Pat is dragged back to center of ring where Keomuka applies sleeper hold. Last photo shows Keomuka with choke hold on champ O'Connor, who passed out. But Keomuka was disqualified for use of illegal hold and O'Connor was still NWA champ.

It was a dramatic finish to the greatest wrestling card ever presented in Buffalo, N. Y. The entire program was a success from start to finish. Frank Tunney, President of the National Wrestling Alliance, and who promotes matches in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, was so impressed with the success and impact of the tournament that he may promote a similar event in Toronto during the year. Executive Secretary of the Alliance, Sam Muchnick, of St. Louis, may also hold a tournament in St. Louis.

The success of the World Wrestlethon has had such far reaching reactions in all parts of the country, that it is now conceded to have put new life into the sport from coast to coast. The Wrestlethon has been the means of reviving interest in sections of the country that were almost dormant as far as wrestling was concerned.

The World Wrestlethon held in Buffalo, N. Y. was the first of its kind ever held anywhere.

THE MAT WORLD

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SCENE IN MONTREAL

By Gil Smith

CONTINUING THE POLICY of less quantity and more quality in grapplers appearing on Montreal shows, Promoter Eddie Quinn came up with a two-card offering.

As was the case in the previous month when the new deal was first inaugurated, Ed Carpentier and the Australian Kangaroo team of Al Costello and Roy Heffernan were the principal attractions.

The Kangaroos headlined the first of the month's cards, clashing with the Brothers Sharpe, Mike and Ben, in a 2 out of 3 fall set-to. . . . and the Aussies were the victors, overcoming the Sharpes' 60-pound pull in the weights to score the win in a spirited brawl.

The Kangaroos were sent off to a good start when Al Costello utilized a reverse shoulder press to topple Ben Sharpe for the opening fall. . . . only to be conquered himself in the next one by the same Ben, who battered him down with neatness and dispatch. With everything even-stephen, it remained for Heffernan to pin the 265-pound Mike Sharpe for the deciding fall, and give the colorful pair from "Down Under" the decider, and the match.

Pierre Lemarin proved himself a mighty capable customer in his single Forum appearance during the month, by downing another Aussie powerhouse in the person of Fred Atkins. . . . Also on tap for this card was the popular pair of Mark Lewin-Don Lutze, who made short work of the combine of Angelo Savoldi and The Mighty Ursus. . . . In a curtain raiser, Hungary's Sandor Kovacs and Gene Murphy drew.

The agile Ed Carpentier pitted his muscles and grace against the combined efforts of Roy Heffernan and Wild Red Berry in a handicap match later in the month; and needed the break he got when his opponents were disqualified—thus giving the Frenchman a victory.

Good looking Carpentier had little difficulty in taking the measure of Berry in the early going, flipping the Wild One with a back-flip in short order. . . . It was when Ed undertook to grapple with Heffernan that his troubles really began. As usual, the Frenchman turned on a dazzling display but things backfired alarmingly when Heffernan caught him landing from a cart-wheel spin with a shoulder butt that knocked him half silly. The manoeuvre evened the count at a fall apiece.

Going into the decider, Carpentier ran into more heavy going from Heffernan, was floored and was taking a 5-star pounding when Costello failed to resist the urge to jump into the ring and add to Ed's miseries. The disqualification of his opponents that followed, gave Carpentier the match. He had to be carried out.

In the preliminaries, the same Al Costello—a going concern, gave away all kinds of weight to the Mighty Ursus, but still pinned the lumbering fellow with a backfall in a single fall affair. . . . And making his debut as a matman, as predicted here last month, was U. S. born, Canadian football star Angelo Mosca. . . . Looking for all the world as though he were making a line drive, Mosca made a dead run at hapless Angelo Savoldi who was bowled over by the onrushing giant in 2 minutes flat.

Though this was his actual pro debut, Mosca is reported to have wrestling experience while attending Notre Dame, and big things are expected of the lad.

Rounding out the month were the team of Mark Lewin and Don Lutz who overthrew the alliance of Fred Atkins-Chet Wallick in a team battle. . . . Sandor Kovacs was around for another opener against Gene Murphy, and Sandor scored a win in this one.

Scene Stealers: Yet another Footballer turning successfully to the mat is Tom Hugo, onetime star centre of the Montreal Alouette football club. . . . Hugo is reported going great guns in Hawaii where he has become a wrestling favourite. And popular Johnny Rougeau is rumoured to have forsaken the mat game to enter the nightclub business on a full time basis, here in Montreal. . . . See you next month, meanwhile please address all communications to Gil Smith, 3550 Ridgewood Ave. (Apt. 33), Montreal, P. Q. Canada.

EASTERN NEWS AND ACTION

By Earle Yetter

Repercussions are always in evidence after polls conducted by periodicals are offered to the public. However, what must be taken into consideration is the fact that the polls are the results of opinions offered by sportswriters, sports directors, promoters and in some cases the wrestlers themselves. Because a certain wrestler may be popular in a certain area, his status in a national poll is brought to light and his standing on a country-wide basis is then revealed. While the results are oftimes criticised, they still are the basis of facts as far as any poll is concerned and should be regarded in the light in which they are conscientiously tabulated. Other polls by some fans are made up to favor certain wrestlers, but the same figures do not rate in the national polls. So, look at the records, folks before you cast opinions.

In recent months Steve Boulos, Hamilton husky, Cyclone Smith, Alberta Canada youth, who expects to form a tag team combination with his brother, Hurricane Smith; Mighty Jumbo, Big Tree, Montana Mastadon; Gregory Jarque, talented Spaniard; Fritz von Georging, rampaging German; Sato Keomuka, Japanese judo artist; Francoise Valois, former European champion; The Shiek; Cowboy Bob Ellis; Roy and Ray Shire and Miguel Perez, the Porto Rican sensation from New York have all made their Eastern debuts and have caused considerable success.

Of this group, it appears that Sato Keomuka, who was disqualified for using a choke hold in his bout with Champion Pat O'Connor, will make himself known to all of his future opponents. The wily Jap has made a thorough study of judo and karate as practiced and taught in the Judo schools of Japan. In Buffalo, he gave a demonstration of the power in his right hand when he broke three one inch boards in half with one blow. Imagine, then, the bruising impact that same hand can cause upon human flesh. In a karate demonstration, Sato also broke three boards and sent them flying in all directions when he kicked them with his bare foot.

Miguel Perez, the talented Porto Rican, who has wrestled some sensational tag matches with Antonino Rocca as his partner in New York City, has come along at a fast clip in the past year. When he first came to Manhattan, he was just an ordinary wrestler, but after a few months as a partner of Rocca, he obtained agility and a quality of finesse that fans could not help but admire and today Perez is one of the best paid newcomers in the business.

Roy and Ray Shire have moved into the tag team picture in the East. It is said that this Georgia Duo are meaner than the Rebels at Bull Run and apparently by some of their statements, they are still fighting part of that Civil War. It appears that it will be up to some of the Yankee teams to put these boys in their proper place and all this sniffs of some sensational action to come. The Gallagher Brothers and other assorted teams are expected to put this team to the test.

On the Pat O'Connor-Sato Keomuka championship card, Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis came up with a controversial victory over Bobo Brazil. Afflis was knocked out of the ring by Brazil and in the melee Referee Joe Muscato tumbled from the ring to the arena floor. Afflis grabbed a loose chair at ringside and hustled back before Muscato and belted Brazil over the head to drop the Bronze Colossus in his

tracks. Afflis then crawled on Brazil for the fall.

Ilio Di Paolo and Fritz von Erich, who were previous tag team partners opposed one another and put on a Pier-6er. Both men absorbed plenty of punishment in this melee which went to a 30 minute stalemate.

Billy Lyons used a back roll-over and press to defeat Frank Valois after 10:52 of spectacular action. Miguel Perez pinned Cyclone Smith with lightning-like drop kicks and press in 5:46 to establish himself as a prime favorite.

CANADIAN NEWS AND ACTION
By Earle Yetter

Frank Tunney, wrestling promoter at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens is the new President of the National Wrestling Alliance. As a promoter of vast territories in Canada, Mr. Tunney knows the wants and needs of most of his clientel which he tries to supply.

Now comes the news that Dick Hutton, former World Heavyweight champion, who was well known in Canada, expects to retire when he is 40 years old. As the champion Hutton gathered in his share of the green folding stuff and apparently wants to take it easy in some nice business.

Gene Kiniski, the Big Thunder from Alberta insists that he will not quit the mat until he is a millionaire. That means that Gene will have to toil for the next 12 or 15 years to attain his goal. Well, maybe its worth it, but Gene, think of the taxes.

Gino Marella, the 295 pound husky from Rochester, N. Y. continues to hang up victory after victory on the Canadian circuit. Here is a lad who had an outstanding record as a simon pure and now is making his mark as a professional.

When two Australians get together in a bout, the fur is sure to fly. That was the case recently when Fred Atkins and Gene Murphy opposed one another. Atkins, who is regarded as one of the strongest men on the mat, attempted to give Murphy some lessons in wrestling, but Murphy retaliated in full measure for the abuse heaped upon him in the bout which went to a draw.

Our new winter sombrero is off to Les Lyman, who, after a year's lay-off due to an injured back, has returned to give fans some startling performances. He was just coming up the ladder of success when he sustained the back injury, and now it seems that Lyman has the sticktoitiveness that can mean future success for him.

Popular Don Jardine has returned to Toronto after an extended trip which saw him picking up needed experience to cope with present day opponents. Whipper Billy Watson is high in his praise of young Don and says that the lad should come into his own as a first class grappler during the present year.

Tiny Mills and Stan (Krusher) Kowalski are making it uncomfortable for other Canadian tag team duos since they came to Canada. They pull out all the stops to gain an advantage over their opponents and they possess all the tricks of the trade right down to the bottom of the bag. Their objective is the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship.

Ivan Kalmikoff, who is now wrestling in single bouts claims that they broke up the team of himself and Karol because they had defeated everybody that they could throw against them. In an interview with Fred Sgambati over CBLT-TV Ivan accused the promoter's of splitting him up with Karol because *"they knew we were the best tag team in Canada . . . or anywhere in the world."* Ivan is another grappler who returned to the mat wars after a crushed vertebra.

About two years ago Billy (Red) Lyons came to New York State and was an outstanding grappler. Although Lyons was born in Hamilton, he wrestled some of the greatest bouts of his career for Promoter Martinez. It was in Buffalo, N. Y. that he established a Memorial Auditorium record when he gained a pin fall in 8 seconds over a 340-pound Detroit grappler and became an overnight star. The victim was Roy Campbell and he was flattened with two lightning-like drop kicks and a press before he actually knew what happened.

Billy then came into the national lime-light when he toppled Mighty Atlas in 21 seconds and then went on to score two victories over Fritz von Erich.

Educated in Hamilton, the 6'-3" 248 pounder graduated from West Dole College. He has proven his mat prowness and is well received in Toronto and will go on to greater achievements as he did in the United States, because the lad is just about at the zenith of his mat career.

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CHICAGO WRESTLING
By Thomas E. Jensen

A very emotional capacity crowd was on hand at Chicago's Amphitheatre to witness the rematch of one of the most bitter grudge battles in wrestling history, that of Johnny Valentine versus Buddy Rogers. In their first encounter, referee Fred Ledebuhr halted the proceedings after fourteen minutes because both wrestlers were bleeding profusely and were unable to continue. In fact, so much blood was lost that the mat had to be changed for the following match of that evening.

Promoter Fred Kohler decided that a Texas Death Match was the only alternative to determine who was the better wrestler or in any case, who was the tougher. In this type of match, pin falls do not count and only submission holds win.

The fans, mostly pro-Valentine, were on the edge of their seats from the moment that the wrestlers entered the ring to the grueling finish. As soon as Rogers' manager, Bobby Davis, was escorted from the ring by the local police, the match began. In nine minutes Valentine took the first fall with his Indian Deathlock which he would not release until he was assured Rogers legs had suffered substantial pain. The second fall was taken by Rogers in eleven minutes, twenty seconds, when Valentine could not get back into the ring in time after having rammed himself head-on into the metal ringpost. Rogers immediately took the third and deciding fall because Valentine was unconscious and could not continue. He had to be carried off on a stretcher the way so many of his opponents have been. At the same time, however, Rogers wasn't feeling exactly sublime for he was suffering from a severe cut on the forehead as a result of some of Valentine's vicious atomic elbow smashes. His luck was that he was able to stand up and the post seemed to have been on his side. If it was, it was one of a small minority.

Rogers still remains undefeated in Chicago and retains his United States Heavyweight Championship. Since his appearance at the Amphitheatre last May, he has defeated Billy Darnell, Chief Big Heart, Sweet Daddy Siki, Bearcat Wright, Haystacks Calhoun, Red Bastien, Lou Bastien, and now Johnny Valentine. With every notch he adds to his belt the fans despise him even more. This was shown in the way Valentine got such a tremendous ovation.

In other matches, the teams of Sweet Daddy Siki-Bearcat Wright and the Volkoff Brothers were both disqualified when a free-for-all broke out after each team had taken a fall. Dick Steinborn and Krusher Lisowski drew; Arnold Skoaland submitted to the Mighty Atlas's full nelson; Titi Carreon and Joe Betancourt downed Chet Wallick and Angelo Savoldi; Billy Goelz pinned Johnny Kace.

THE WRESTLING SCENE
By Richard Branciforte

On a big show at Madison Sq. Garden in New York City, Bruno Sammartino met the Amazing Antonino Rocca. At the end of the time limit Sammartino was ready for the cleaners. The bell rang and saved the day. Rocca and Sammartino have teamed once again patching up their argument.

Johnny Valentine and Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers teamed to win the U. S. Tag Team Championship from the Fabulous Kangaroos in Newark. Valentine took the first fall with a series of Atomic Skull Crushers. Heffernan evened up the score with the Kangaroo Roll. In the final fall Rogers caught Costello in his dreaded figure four leg grapevine.

One week later Rogers stormed into the ring at the Capitol Arena in Washington. Calling Valentine everything in the book he returned his half of the U. S. Tag Team Title refusing to team with Valentine. He then proclaimed that he was the true U. S. Champion. He seems to have forgotten about Dick Afflis who claims the same title in Detroit, Billy Varga who is the American Heavyweight Champion, Lou Thesz the International Champion, Sonny Meyers the North American Champion etc. We won't go into the various regional titles. It seems that there are more titles than wrestlers these days. However, it has been helping wrestling at the box-office. Just announce that such and such a title is going to be on the line and the fans swarm to the arena.

Getting back to the U. S. Tag Team title, one week after Rogers handed back the title, he was in a match with Chief Big Heart. Big Heart was receiving terrible punishment and the referee awarded the match to Rogers. Rogers wouldn't stop and guess who entered the ring? None other than Johnny Valentine. Valentine stormed into the ring and started clobbering Rogers with Atomic Skull Crushers. No help in sight so Rogers high-tailed it to the dressing room.

Professional Wrestling made its debut at the Fordham Skating Palace in the Bronx section of New York City with the Fabulous Kangaroos drawing with Siki and Wright, Basteins beating Skull Murphy and Chet Wallick.

N. Y. is becoming more and more popular for wrestling. Wrestling is presently being held at Fordham Skate Palace, Sunnyside Gardens, Madison Sq. Garden, Island Garden, Long Island Arena in Commack, and St. Nick's Arena.

Leave it to promoter Arnold (Whitey) Carlson to come up with a show of shows at his spacious Island Garden. Feature attraction was Lewin & Curtis vs. The Fabulous Kangaroos. The Kangaroos took the first fall over Mark Lewin with an Australian Backbreaker. Lewin's back was injured and he stayed out for most of the second fall. Don Curtis went to work on the Kangaroos and finally finished them off with the "Club Sandwich." For those who have never seen this hold it goes as follows: Lewin grabs Heffernan, Curtis grabs Costello. Crash heads together. Lay Costello flat on floor. Lift Heffernan and slam him on top of Costello. Lewin bounces off one rope, Curtis off the other and the result is all four piled up neatly.

In the final fall the Kangaroos hadn't recovered from the effects of the "Sandwich." Four thousand fans were on their seats all yelling the same thing. "Sleeper." Had Lewin and Curtis used the Sleeper at that time it would have been the match. Instead they tried to repeat the second fall. They had Costello and Heffernan piled up neatly.

Then it happened! Lewin bounced off one rope, Curtis off the other. They jumped together and clashed head-on. All four were sprawled out on the floor. The referee got up to eight and Heffernan managed to rise and apply a body press on Curtis.

In the other feature attraction Bearcat Wright met Buddy Rogers. The minute the bell rang both men ran out of their corners and dropkicked each other. Both were on the floor hurt. Rogers got to his feet and tried his leg grapevine on the Bearcat. Bearcat grabbed Rogers head and gave him a Jamaica Blockbuster. Rogers was down. Rogers tried the leglock two more times with similar results. Finally at the ten minute mark Rogers took the match with a backslide hold.

MINNESOTA WRESTLING NEWS

By Norman H. Kietzer

The top matches in Minnesota recently have been 2 between Gene Kiniski and Wilbur Snyder. The first match was a no contest decision. After each had gained a fall they wrestled outside the ring for more than the legal 20 seconds. Snyder required 23 stitches in his chin and mouth and Kiniski needed 4 to close a cut over his eye after the match. In the return match Snyder had the upper hand all the way until he was caught off guard by Kiniski who shoulder-blocked him out of the ring. Wilbur did not make it back within the 20 count so Kiniski won the match.

Kiniski is one of the top wrestlers in this area and he has met Verne Gagne for the so called worlds heavyweight Championship 3 times in recent months. The first time Gagne was disqualified for hitting the referee. In the second match Kiniski was disqualified for knocking Referee Bronco Nagurski out of the ring. The third match was declared no contest when Kiniski suffered a bad cut over his eye.

In tag team action the American Wrestling Alliance World Champions, Hard Boiled Haggerty & Len Montana successfully defended their title against Vern Gagne and Joe Scarpello recently. They won the title from Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski whom they defeated in 3 straight matches. This last match made them undisputed champs since Gagne and Scarpello are the only other active team in this area who hold a victory over Mills and Kowalski.

Other recent matches include the following: Bob Geigle pinned Lou Whitson, Jim Hady pinned Guy Hill, Nick Roberts won on a disqualification over Len Montana, Jim Hady and Roy McClarty drew, Geigle pinned Hill, Roberts pinned Hill, Snyder pinned Tommy O'Toole, Haggerty pinned Roberts, Kiniski pinned Montana, Don Eagle pinned George Scott, Joe Scarpello won over Haggerty on a disqualification and Jim Hady and Joe Scarpello went to a time limit draw.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS

By Gene Gordon

The old year closed here in Charlotte as a sell out crowd at Park Center watched The Great Bolo, long time hood wearing villian, lose by disqualification to The Brute. The Garcia Bros. Joe and Lee have taken the local mat scene by storm since making their debut several weeks ago. Proteges of Jules Strongbow, the Californians are highly rated in mat circles with the most promising to come out of the Pacific Coast area. Their win over the rough and ready Fargo Bros. immediately made them an overnight sensation with fans in these parts.

New in the Carolinas are the Canadian Tag Team Champions, Paul and Maurice Vacchon. The bearded pair, will have lots of competition.

Frank Cain, outstanding mat artist from Memphis, Tenn., recently won over highly regarded P. Y. Chang, the Chinese wrestling whiz, in a hectic battle that proved to be a thriller. Cain, an aggressive style grabbler, more than held his own with the oriental terror and won the match with aggressiveness and all around determination.

Back in the area after a lengthy absence is crowd pleasing Billy (Bulldog) Cox. His action packed bouts with Steve Bolus, Bobby Christy, Bob Bayer, and others were thrillers which are remembered. A fine wrestler who is small in stature, but holds his own against foes who outweigh him greatly. A former amateur boxing star, Billy is a wiry little battler who depends on speed, aggressiveness, and determination to win his matches. Billy hails from Little Rock, Ark. Also returned to the Carolinas and appears to be in terrific shape is the ring wise veteran Jack O'Reilly. Wrestling fans are saddened to hear of the death of Tor Yamato. The Japanese grabbler who was tag team partner of Mr. Moto. Suni War Cloud, popular Indian wrestler has left the Carolinas for a tour of Hawaii.

Buddy Rogers, the U. S. Heavyweight Champion is in the Carolinas. Been creating lots of interest in his

recent TV appearance offering $1,000 to any person, spectator or wrestler who can break his "figure 4" leglock hold. So far no one has succeeded.

Fred Blassie, Southern Heavyweight Champion is back in Atlanta after a short stay in California where he won the Pacific Coast Title from Enrique Torres. Blassie, the rough and rugged blond bomber, will be returning to Los Angeles again soon for an extended stay.

HEROES—A LA TARZAN

By C. Chapman

If the movie Tarzan ever needs an understudy, he might do well to cast an eye in the direction of wrestlers Nick Kozak and Al Torres, both of whom have had real-life experience in playing the Lord of the Jungle role.

It happened during the recent "What's New at the Zoo" parade in Portland, Oregon. Featuring such attractions as elephants and leopards, chimps and camels, and of course pretty girls and clowns galore, this annual event is a major attraction for the young-at-heart citizens of Portland.

Keeping "fun" aspects of the parade in mind, zoo officials invited grapplers Torres and Kozak to don furry animal skins and play "Tarzan." Preliminary plans called for the matmen to greet their many fans from an open convertible.

But what's a man of the jungle without an elephant to ride? So wondered the brawny duo, who immediately set out to remedy the situation.

Checking at the zoo, the wrestlers found that a trio of pachyderms from Seattle, spending the winter with Portland's elephant population, had also been drafted for the parade. That was all Kozak and Torres needed to know. Going into action, they cornered the elephants' nationally-famed trainer, Morgan Berry, who took one look at the husky muscle-men and said, "Sure, go ahead!"

"Riding that elephant in the parade was one of the most exciting moments of my life!" exclaimed Kozak, when the marching was over.

Torres wholeheartedly agreed, adding, *"It was a tremendous thrill to get an 'elephants-eye-view' of the world, and certainly an experience I'll never forget."*

Dressed in their simulated animal-skin tights, the pair looked like real men of the jungle. Both stared wistfully at their ponderous steeds, being herded into a van headed back to the zoo. As the doors swung closed, the wrestlers uttered a couple of farewell "Tarzan" yells, then headed back to civilization, to resume their lives as Nick Kozak and Al Torres, heroes of the mat world.

SALVADOR "GORY" GUERRERO

By Eleanor Magalassi

History was in the making the night of July 29, 1960 when 20,000 excited wrestling fans thronged into the "Neuva Arena Mexico" (Mexico City, D. F.) to witness the greatest wrestling match in all Mexico since the implantation of 1932, and breaking all record crowd attendance and Box Office. The "Neuva Arena Mexico" is owned and operated by the Czar of wrestling in Mexico, Sr. Salvador Lutteroth, who also has five other arenas in the major cities of Mexico.

The match was sanctioned by both the National Wrestling Alliance and the National Boxing and Wrestling Association of America who were represented in Mexico for that match by the Asociacion Nacional de Box y Lucha. The amateur standards of weight were observed for this match with both contestants weighing in at 191 pounds, the limit in this division.

A very gruelling match all the way, the first fall going to the Challenger, Gory Guerrero, with the Champion, Ray Mendoza, retaliating to take the second fall and even things up. It was nip and tuck with vicious head locks, drop kicks and blows that echoed throughout the Arena—both men with one thought in mind—v i c t o r y—no matter what cost.

After a full hour and ten minutes of hard wrestling, the Champion finally succumbed under Gory's continuous attacks and a new light heavyweight champion of the World was crowned.

The president of Mexico Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos, a great wrestling and boxing fan, congratulated Gory Guerrero personally after Gory's victory and presentation of the coveted gold belt, as he had done before in congratulating Jose Becerra in his home in "Los Pinos" when Becerra won the boxing title from Helami in Los Angeles, California.

Gory Guerrero, who entered professional wrestling in 1945, has wrestled extensively throughout Mexico, headlining in all the major cities throughout the entire country.

In 1952 Gory made his United States debut in the State of Texas and made quite a hit with the fans of the Lone Star State. His travels have since taken him from Coast to Coast and to the four corners of the United States.

His speed and agility in the ring is breathtaking and has brought him quite a long way up the ladder of s u c c e s s. He is a mild-mannered, soft-spoken gentleman out of the ring but once the bell rings and action begins, Gory becomes a slashing "Pancho Villa" from the word "go", his favorite hold being the "Gory Special" which he applies with proficiency.

For relaxation, Gory loves reading books on his favorite topic "Wrestling". His voluminous collection of books includes quite an array of publications some dating back to the 19th Century.

THE WRESTLING TRAIL

By Bette Krieger

Now for some very interesting news, that I think all of you fans will be most pleased to hear, and among it, I am sure that some of the news, will be surprises to many of you fans . . . so away we go—

First, let me start, by adding my congratulations, to Mr. Frank Tunney, Canada's classy, and well liked mat promoter who has now succeeded the former N.W.A. leader for many years, Mr. Sam Muchneick of St. Louis, Missouri, as head of the NWA. I speak for the Eastern part of the United States, our magazine, our editor, and all the International fan clubs, in wishing you the greatest success in your new career.

It's belated martial congratulations, to one of the nicest couples I have the pleasure of knowing, the knot was tied in San Francisco California, for one of the handsome former blonde bachelors of Matdom, our own Steve Stanlee, as the blonde Marylin Lee and Steve exchanged vows, and walked down the aisle together.

Wrestling is hitting an all time high where ever yours truly receives contacts, and from England, word reached me, that the great Indian Wrestler, Billy Two Rivers, former Al Haft great, is the hottest wrestler to ever hit the British Isles.

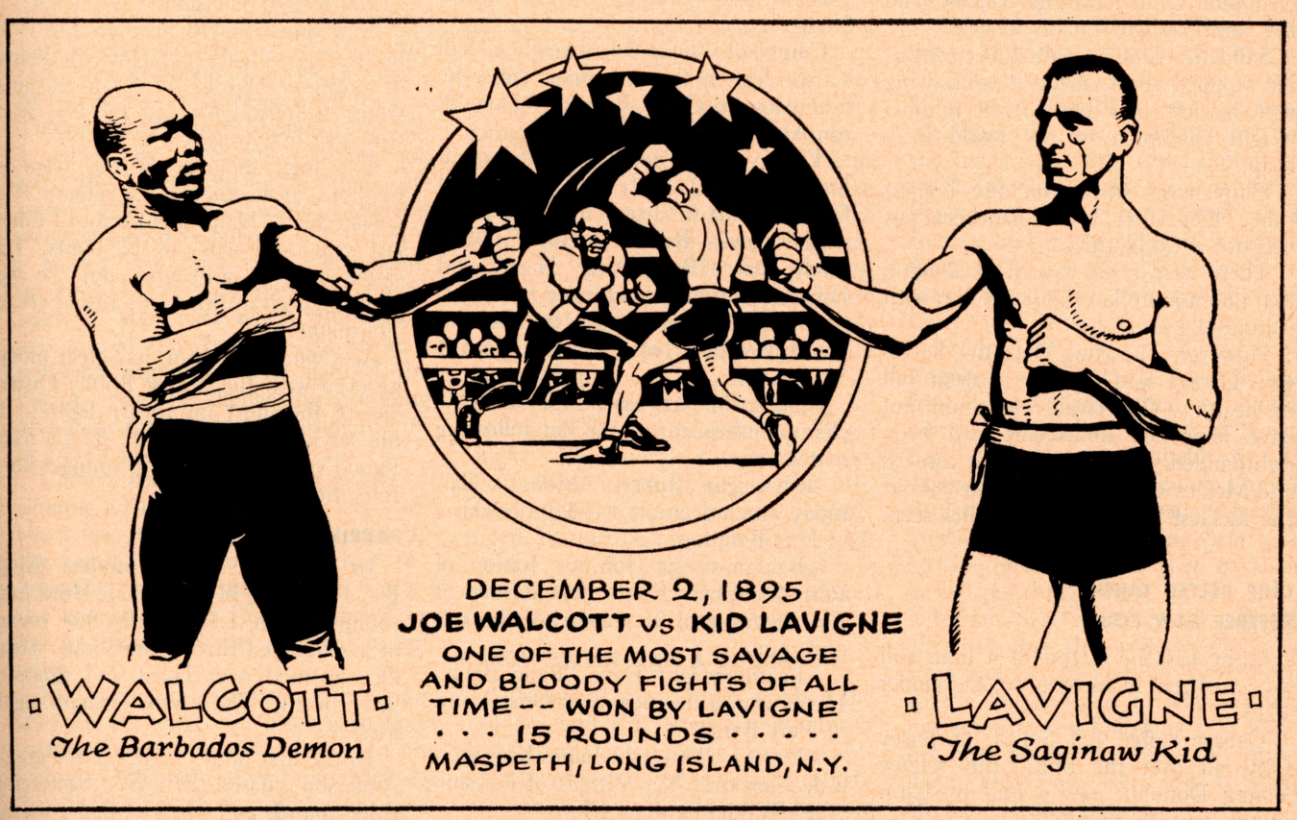
Did you know, that the Kansas Sun Flower, Red Berry, is a real accomplished wrestler of this era? Not only has he that accomplishment, but he is a leader in politics, and holds some political leadership in his home State.

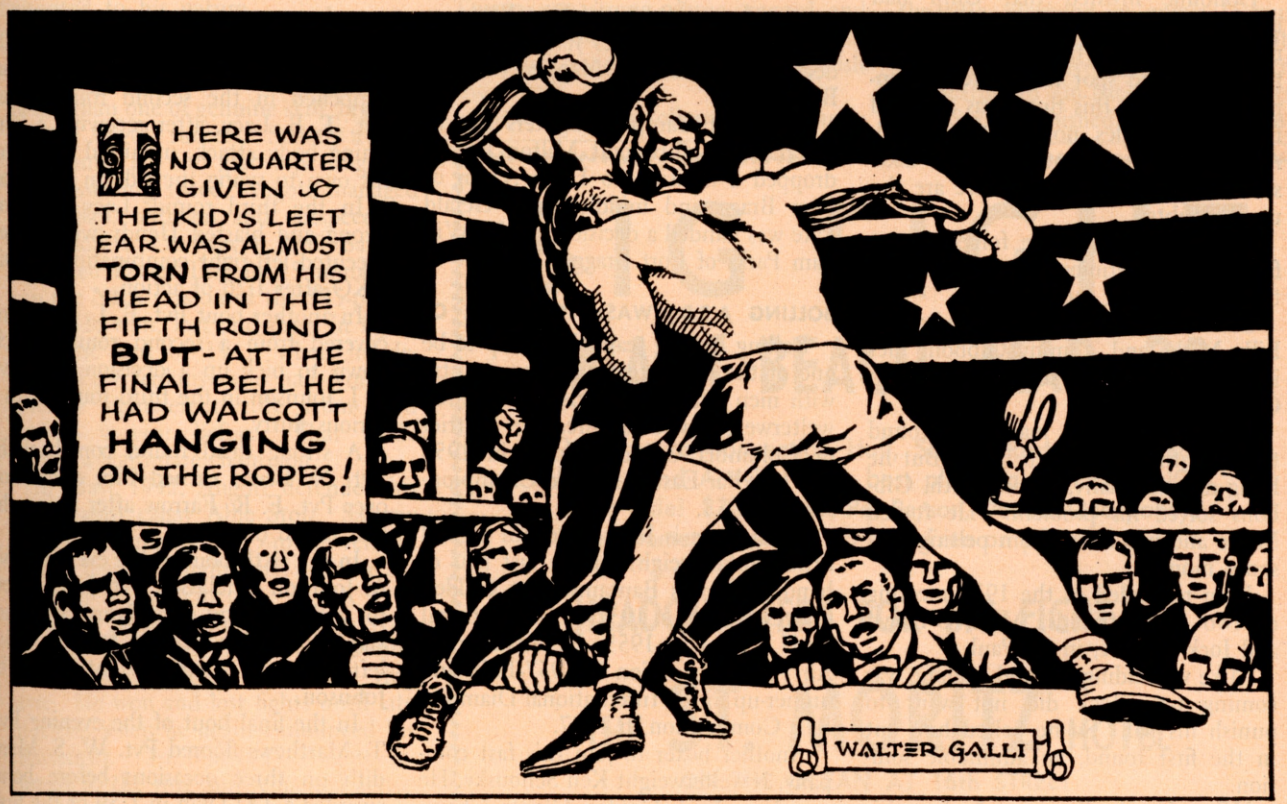
Dick Steinborn, youngest son of Milo Steinborn, strong man, and original Mr. Atlas of the wrestling game, had Dick his pride and joy to Europe on a mat tour.

The world Lady Champion, our Gal Moolah, just returned from her tour, the longest and most rugged, due to ice and snow. We will be presenting to the champion, a beautiful red velvet jacket, rhinestone glittered, and made for a champion, with the words of world champion on the back of the jacket, the jacket and crown of rhinestones, will be presented on the Capitol Arena card, when the Champion will be wrestling on a future card.

Thanks to "King Jack" Jack Johnson that is, known to his many fans, as the "King Jack" for his many phone calls and letters, King Jack wrestler, as well as fighting Marine, stationed at Parris Island, is also wrestling for the Marines. Jack tells me, that he will be wrestling on some of the arena cards, when on furloughs.

A Saga Of The American Ring





RING DETECTIVE

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The fight in which Chip lost the middleweight championship to McCoy now comes under close scrutiny.

When the opening gong sounded, champion Chip tore after McCoy, and the southpaw got on his bicycle.

Suddenly McCoy halted his retreat. He stopped short, made a wild swing with his left, and dumped the middleweight champion of the world in a heap.

Chip never stirred for the longest time. The 50 to 1 shot had been put over for a world title.

There were critics who looked upon that one minute knockout of Chip with jaundiced eye.

However, The Ring Detective has to give George and McCoy a clean bill of health. Conceivably it could not have happened if McCoy had been righthanded. George got a bit careless and McCoy suddenly became just about the luckiest fighter the game has seen.

CHIP BELTED SMITH, REFEREE SAW FOUL

Chip was the victim of a bum call by a referee in Boston in December 1915.

George cuffed Jeff Smith, of Jersey City, all over the ring. But referee Young Donohue saw a foul by Chip in the seventh round.

Donohue insisted that Chip had landed low with a left. Some of the ringsiders thought they saw it, most of them failed to spot it if it really happened. Anyway, this thing was analyzed from many angles, none of them good. A fighter badly trounced got the decision. In cases like that, there are the usual doubts.

Sometimes friends are forced into a fight, and sometimes they do not have the heart to hurt each other.

Something like that happened when Billy Miske and Tommy Gibbons met in the old Garden in New York on October 13, 1922.

Miske was a sick man and around the seventh he began to fade. But he hung on and finally, in the tenth, Gibbons solved his problem. He fouled Miske and was saved from pelting him some more.

I am reminded of the 1923 meeting of two other friends, Mike O'Dowd and Jock Malone, in St. Paul.

Mike was fading out and Malone was coming up. Jock did not want to punish his pal. So he belted him out in the first round, an admirable solution.

What does it all come to? Just this —don't be quick to put the rap on the fighters of today, and don't see all the old fighters with haloes.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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of Fort Bliss; Ray Owens won a default match from Jacksonville's John Thomas; James King decisioned Leroy Mims of Bragg; and middleweight Gerald Pate TKO'd Ray Paxton of the U.S.S. Shangri-La.

Campbell's light heavyweight, Will Carter, lost in the semi-finals via a decision loss to Chico Brown of Donaldson Air Force Base.

The five Eagle winners in the semi-finals, along with three Campbell fighters to draw "byes" into the Wednesday finals—Robert "Moose" Carmody, Dave "Bang Bang" Harris, and James Johnson—moved into the finals to sweep the tournament team championship with 37 of a possible "perfect 50" points.

Campbell boxers earned Florida AAU championship crowns in the following matches:

—Flyweight Robert "Moose" Carmody won a decision over Ulysses Davis of Fort Benning.

—Bantamweight Johnny Joiner of Fort Campbell Ko'd Stan Rivera of Fort Benning in 36 seconds of the second round.

—Featherweight Dave "Bang Bang" Harris won a decision over Obie Vann of Fort Bragg.

—Light welterweight James King won a decision over Nat Wright of Jacksonville's Wilder Athletic Club.

—Welterweight Ray Owens outpointed Jimmy Scates of Fort Bragg.

—Heavyweight James Johnson won a decision over David Napper of Fort Bliss.

Two Fort Campbell fighters lost in the finals. Lightweight Milton Brooks dropped a decision to Hank Aaron of Fort Bragg and middleweight Gerald Pate was handed a decision loss by William Parks of Fort Bragg.

BOLLING A.F.B., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bolling Boxing team shapes up to be one of the classy teams in the country with men like Fred Burriss a top-notch welterweight who captured the District of Columbia Golden Gloves in 1958 and also Far East Air Force Championship in 1955.

Then there is John Cereghin a good little bantamweight with a fast pair of hands. He was Bantamweight Golden Gloves Champ in 1952-53 and National AAU Champ in 1955. He was also All Air Force Champion in 1957-1959 and runner-up in the International Diamond Belt Competition in 1957.

Another boxer to join this fast company, is welterweight Ken Schousky. He was New York Golden Gloves Champion in 1959, and Eastern Golden Gloves Champ in 1959.

Howard Smith is another top-notch bantamweight on the Bolling Air Force team. He was Golden Gloves Champ in 1957 and Inter-Service Champ in 1959.

The veteran of the team is George McCorkle, who in 190 fights compiled a record of 174 wins and 16 losses. He was All Air Force Champion in the Middleweight Division, 1957–1960.

Newcomers on the team are Lin Holbrook, a good featherweight with plenty of promise; Harold Miller a slugging young welterweight; and Joe Nelson a strong little flyweight.

The final member of the team is neither a newcomer nor a veteran. He is Dan Scott. Dan fought only 12 times last year, and won all 12 bouts. He shows great promise and could be the man to watch in this year's Inter-Service Tournament.

As a whole the team has great promise even with the loss of Bobby Foster, one of the most impressive fighters in the service last year. They should have a good year if some of the younger boys come through.

PARRIS ISLAND NEWS

In the RTR Boxing Smoker debut Pvt. F. Henkle belted Pvt. J. Hurd into submission in 1:56 of the first round of a scheduled three-round bout. Henkle swarmed over Hurd and dropped him for the TKO with a sharp right hook.

In the first bout of the night Pvt. C. Anderson chased Pvt. W. Sayles for three rounds and was awarded a unanimous decision in a meeting of 135-pounders.

A turnabout that caught some 1,500 fans and Pvt. R. Hendy by surprise, happened in the second round when Pvt. T. B. Lacy, after receiving a punishing body attack, mounted a rally of his own to swing the tide in his favor.

In the third round, Lacy came on strong and blasted Hendy with a well executed left-right combination to gain a KO after 1:26 of action.

In another bout Pvt. B. L. Brown recovered from a second round knockdown to pick up a decision over Pvt. P. J. Johnson in the third round with a furious flurry.

A strong third round comeback by Pvt. N. Lewis earned him a decision over Pvt. F. R. Farrow after losing the first round on points.

In the sixth bout of the evening, Pvt. A. Johnson outclassed Pvt. J. W. Ivery for a three-round nod. Ivery could not stage a suitable defense for the quick left jabs and stinging right hooks by Johnson.

In the final bout of the evening Pvt. T. Matthews floored Pvt. W. S. Meredith on three occasions before being awarded a TKO win in 1:59 of the first.

At the conclusion of the program, awards were presented to all fighters by Col. Michael P. Ryan, CO. RTR.

THE MEDIOCRE ALSO WEAR CROWNS

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In 1933, Carnera, having been prepared for a title shot met Jack Sharkey on June 29, and won the crown but he didn't hold it lon. He defended his tiara against Paulino Uzcudun in Italy four months later that year, when he opposed light-heavyweight king Tommy Loughran in Miami, on March 1, 1934. By sheer size, weight and strength Carnera won in 15 rounds. He scaled 270 pounds, while Loughran weighed only 184 pounds.

In his very next ring engagement, on June 14 of that year, Da Preem opposed Max Baer whose thundering fists proved the Ambling Alp to be a synthetic ringman. Baer handed the Italian a frightful shellacking, dropping him many times before disposing of him in eleven heats.

Carnera continued fighting in 1935—winning a couple of decisions, knocking out a few stiffs, then was flattened by Joe Louis. He scored one KO the following year and suffered two successive knockouts. In 1937, Satchel Feet lost one bout and was stiffened in another.

He joined the Italian Army, and after his discharge the giant gave boxing another try in 1946, losing to an unknown ringman. That put finis to Primo's boxing career, a profession that he had personally not chosen and was unsuited to his nature.

SAMMY "THE SPOILER" ANGOTT

A ring style difficult to cope with rather than one of genuine skill, brought Sammy Angott success. Strictly a hop, skip, jump, jab and grab type ringman, but possessing speed, Angott managed to outslap, outmaul and outspeed capable boxers. On May 4, 1940, Sammy outscored Davey Day in 15 rounds to win the NBA version of the 135-pound title. He won, lost and drew in fights until the end of 1941, when he defeated Lew Jenkins—who had won the genuine lightweight title from Lou Ambers a year before. That made Angott a legitimate champion.

In May, 1942, Angott defended his title against classy Allie Stolz. Sammy got a highly unpopular 15-round verdict. After a few more fights that year, he announced his retirement.

But in March, the following year, Sammy was boxing again—and boring the spectators with his tiresome ring style. He won and lost fights until late in 1944, when he again announced his retirement. In mid-1945 Angott returned to the ring and remained active for five more years.

JENKINS HAD A WALLOP

The best that can be said about "sneak puncher" Lew Jenkins (right tag Verlin Jenks), is that he possessed a deadly wallop. But too often he delivered it after the gong ended a round or while the referee was breaking a clinch.

On May 10, 1940, he grabbed the lightweight title from Lou Ambers by hitting him a terrific clout on the jaw when Ambers dropped his hands to go to his corner as the gong ended the second round. Ambers went to his corner on rubbery legs, his head spinning like a roulette wheel. On facing Jenkins in the third, Lou was a perfect set-up for a kayo—and the socker from Sweetwater performed it with dispatch.

But in his very next ring showing, Henry Armstrong did an expert job of exposing Lew by beating him savagely for six rounds and finishing him for the evening.

The following year, after losing his diadem to Sammy Angott, the Texan fought with sporadic success—winning, losing, scoring knockouts, being stiffened, until his ring activities finally ended. It must be admitted that though Jenkins was lacking in true fighting spirit and the classy style, he was almost a colorful, heavy hitting battler.

RANDY TURPIN HAD A PUNCH

Although Randy Turpin grabbed the middleweight title from Ray Robinson in England, in mid-1951, he was not, according to accepted standards of fistiana, endowed with the scientific ring attributes a champion should possess. Turpin was strong, game, rugged and wielded a knockout punch. He could take hard wallops but he lacked polish and finesse.

Although in the following year Randy relieved Don Cockell of his cruiser weight (175 pounds) title, and remained in the ring eight more years, boxing almost exclusively in Great Britain, his prestige suffered because of unethical behavior and he lost fights with increasing frequency.

Mexican featherweights Lauro Salas, whose ring career started in 1946, and is still active, has lost almost as often as he won. All of his ring showings, including the one in which he took the lightweight title from Jimmy Carter, lacked luster. He's a busy, swarming-type ringman. He depends on his courage and fist-swinging to satisfy the fans. The mediocre Salas wore the crown cockily for five months when Carter took it back from him.

Paddy DeMarco, a billy-goat type ringman, also took the championship from Jimmy Carter—then, in a return match a few months later, in November, 1954—Jimmy regained it. DeMarco had little to recommend him for titular honors other than rugged aggressiveness and a fighting heart. He had neither style nor ring grace and lacked punching power.

Johnny Saxton, started off well. But after winning the welterweight crown from Kid Gavilan late in 1954, he fell apart. He managed to win one bout, lose another the following year and in his next outing, he blew the title to Tony DeMarco, who lost it shortly after to Carmen Basilio.

Early in 1956, Saxton again won the title, receiving an unfair 15-round decision over Basilio, but six months later, Carmen gave Johnny an unmerciful beating to win back the title. Thereafter Saxton vanished as a top performer.

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THE GOLDEN GATE

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Hotel of New York. Tex asked Moran if we would accept the bout with Jess and when Frank nodded assent, Tex remarked:

'I have told Ike you can have $15,000 to fight the champion in a ten round bout."

"Moran was elated. He quickly accepted, but I told Rickard that Moran was worth more than that and without much dickering I wound up getting $27,500 for the fight. They met on March 25, 1916, eleven months after Willard had relieved Johnson of the heavyweight title, and though Moran put up a good battle, he lost the decision.

"Two years later, when Rickard succeeded in obtaining a three years lease on the Garden from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, he asked me to join him. I became his publicity director. Before that, while still working for the New York Journal, I worked under four different managements as Garden publicity director, starting with Billy Wellman in 1913. Billy is the man who put on the Packey McFarland-Mike Gibbons bout at the Motordrome, a contest that created a lot of adverse comment among fight fans because of the unsatisfactory performance of the principals."

That's the story of Ike Dorgan's beginnings as a ballyhoo artist and how Rickard got his start in the fight promotion field in New York.

The story of Dorgan's entry into the field of boxing, is as interesting. It began as a ticket seller for James Coffroth at Mechanics Pavilion when Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Bob Fitzsimmons fought. He had charge of the gallery seats and when the fight got under way, the place was a sell-out. When Ike got into Coffroth's office and Jim counted the money Dorgan handed him, there was $135 more than Ike had tickets for sale. Coffroth and his aides gave Ike the big laugh. Coffroth, sympathizing with Ike, took the extra amount, placed the silver into a Fels Naptha box and remarked:

"That's yours, John, but don't forget when you are short, kick in to papa." From then on until he came East to obtain a newspaper job, Ike worked for Sunny Jim.

When boxing was being viciously attacked by church officials and Governor Al Smith was asked to abolish it in New York State, a pamphlet containing favorable editorial comment, written by the leading sports writers of New York, saved the sport. Through Dorgan and me, we got Rickard to finance the publication of the pamphlet and flooded the Assembly and Senate. When Governor Smith vetoed the bill to kill the sport, Ike and I decided that the time was ripe for a boxing publication that would protect the sport against future attacks, we approached Rickard for financial support but he turned down our request.

It was then that I organized The Ring Magazine, with Ike as secretary, Frank Coultry, treasurer of the Garden as treasurer, J. C. Brenner of Golfers' Magazine as managing director and myself as publisher. My $1,250 started the ball rolling in February, 1922.

Coultry and Brenner resigned three months after we began publishing. I bought their stock though they had put no money into the venture and split the shares between Ike and myself. He remained part owner of The Ring until 1929 when he decided to use all time in the management of a large stable of boxers. Among his boxers were Lope Tenario, Archie Bell, Ted Sandwins and Joey Sangor.

Ike's success as a publicist was due to the fact that he never sought personal aggrandizement. He was glad to let Rickard have all the glory for the huge success of Tex's shows while he furnished the ammunition for the build-up.

The relations between Ike and Tex were rather peculiar in that Rickard seldom gave any orders. They never held lengthy conferences to make out their programs. Tex had tremendous trust in Ike and Dorgan never failed him. Ike knew just when to apply the bellows of ballyhoo to a match and get it blazing brightly.

He retired voluntarily shortly before Rickard's death in Miami. He was in charge for Rickard in Toledo at the Willard-Dempsey fight and when he joined Tex in the Garden, he gambled on his future since Rickard came East with little money but plenty of nerve. But the combination paid out well in the long run with almost every important fight under Rickard grossing into the six figures, with five, beyond the million dollar mark.

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The McLarnin masterpiece was followed by an inevitable decline that is the fate of fading ring heroes. In his next match, Tony, now a little weary of it all, couldn't catch up with the fast-moving Ambers, grown more confident and less respectful of his eminent rival. An unfortunate second affair with McLarnin followed the loss of the lightweight title to Ambers and this time Jimmy showing some mercy to a valiant foe was far too much for his lighter opponent.

FANS SADDENED BY DAVIS DEFEAT

The way was now definitely downward, but few ring heroes recognize the valley of descent. A futile attempt to win back the lightweight title from Ambers came in 1937. There were two more years of over-the-hill campaigning against opposition which would have been sparmate material for Tony Canzoneri at his zenith. Finally a silent, downcast crowd trailed sadly out of the Garden the night Tony Canzoneri made his last ring stand. A knockout victim at the hands of young crude Al Davis on November 1, 1939. It was a pitiful denouement for such a legendary idol.

To most of the crowd that night, the puffy, fatigued, figure in the ring was a pathetic caricature of the lightning fast powerful little pugilist who could turn on blasts of slugging fury with the same facility with which he could adopt a style of classic cleverness.

At his peak, Tony Canzoneri had everything. He could pinpoint a straight right with atomic power and precision. His round countenance surfaced a steel chin. He was quick as a cat with hands and feet. He responded to pressure with more pressure. He was unique, in that he carried his left hand very low, but none the less was a difficult target when he wanted to show his defensive skill.

If he had a failing, it was a certain cocksuredness which often prompted him to try to outbox a boxer or out slug a slugger. This happened in his first match with Kid Chocolate and in his first meeting with Billy Petrolle in Chicago in 1930.

"I wanted to show my friends I could outsmart Chocolate who was a real clever fellow and it almost cost me my title." Against Petrolle, Tony felt he could outslug this "old man" as he called him, but found out otherwise at the cost of the decision.

In a return match with Chocolate, Canzoneri belted away at the classy Cuban, landed a good one, and knocked him out.

In the second go with Petrolle he moved around and easily outspeeded the forcing, but aging, Fargo Express.

FAILED IN BUSINESS VENTURES

The tale of Tony Canzoneri after his retirement is the familiar one of many heroes of the ring. The success that was his in boxing was a complete reversal of what happened in the business ventures in which he and Manager Sam Goldman invested.

A farm in Marlboro, N. Y. purchased for his family, proved a drain on his resources. Expensive marital difficulties, combined with business misfortuntes and high living further dissipated the the fortune estimated at $300,000 he earned in the ring.

For a time he attempted show business, an unpleasant recollection of the act in which he performed was the spectacle of the brash "comic" slapping him soundly, an antic which his one time worshippers found so distasteful, their threats caused its discontinuance.

It is indeed ironic that Tony Canzoneri, about whom had eddied such waves of adulation, should have come to his end at the age of 51 in a well of silence and lonliness. Medical examiners declared that his passing in December, 1959, had occurred forty-eight hours before the discovery of his body in a Broadway hotel room. During this period there had been presumably no callers or inquiries for the man whom thousands had literally worshipped in his days of glory.

At the time he was associated with the ownership of a Broadway restaurant which still carries his name. In the wee small hours after closing, he would hold court on a nearby street corner where a covey of night people and sports fans would pay him respectful attention as he relived episodes of a lionized career which must have been full compensation for the travail of his last years.

THE FIGHTING IRISH

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tary Academy, and a referee on the New York Commission's staff. Mike figured in an unofficial tournament in 1915 to crown a king to sit on the then vacant welterweight crown.

Glover lost to both Jack Britton and Ted (Kid) Lewis. Then he defeated Lewis, but his claim to the title was never recognized. He later lost to Lewis, and that settled everything.

Lewis, an Englishman, and Britton, an Irish American, whose real name is William J. Breslin, engaged in a famous series of bouts. They fought each other 22 times for a total of 222 rounds. Britton's career spanned 27 years, and when he lost the title it was to another Irishman, Mickey Walker. Mickey later won the world middleweight championship, and also campaigned as a heavyweight, fighting a draw with Jack Sharkey for the American title.

Honeyboy Finnegan's championship claims fared no better than did those of Glover. Finnegan was recognized as featherweight king in Massachusetts when he outpointed Chick Suggs, but in the other 47 states, and throughout the world he was looked upon as just another fighter, although a good one. Honeyboy is now a court officer in Boston.

For years Jimmy Walsh was a top referee on the staff of the Massachusetts Commission. His claim to the bantamweight crown was recognized back in 1904 when he defeated Digger Stanley of England in 15 rounds. Unable to make the weight he relinquished the title two years later.

In the Twenties Jim Maloney was the hope of the Boston Irish, the "new John L. Sullivan." These dreams were wrecked, and Maloney with them by another Boston fighter, Joseph Paul Cukauskas, who changed his name legally to Jack Sharkey. It was Sharkey, not Maloney, who succeeded Sullivan on the heavyweight throne.

No Irishman, Sharkey reacted like one. He fought with everybody, his manager Johnny Buckley, newspapermen, and other heavyweights. He is now a country gentleman, residing in Epping, N. H., where his hobbies are hunting and fishing. Sharkey is an expert fly caster, and has appeared at many sportsman's shows. He is also a competent referee, and handled both Archie Moore-Yvon Durelle bouts in Montreal.

The Boston Irish had hopes for Tom Collins too. They called him "Little John L." Collins was little, and that's all. When he attempted to win the lightweight title Jimmy Carter knocked him down 10 times. The bout had to be stopped, and TV fans all over the country wired their protests at what they called the brutality of the contest. Referee Tommy Rawson was at fault here. Collins survived and is now a deputy sheriff.

In more modern times the top Irish fighters were Jimmy McLarnin, born in Belfast, and Billy Conn, the Pittsburgh Kid. McLarnin came out of Vancouver to ruin the cream of the Jewish fighters campaigning in New York. He knocked out Sid Terris in a a round; Ruby Goldstein in two and Al Singer in three. He ended Benny Leanard's comeback when he stopped the greatest of modern day fighters in six.

Only Ray Miller prevailed against McLarnin, knocking him out in seven rounds at Detroit. In the end Jimmy lost the third and rubber fight to Barney Ross, and with it the world welterweight title.

Conn was one of the best. Forget his second fight with Joe Louis. Four years in the Army during World War

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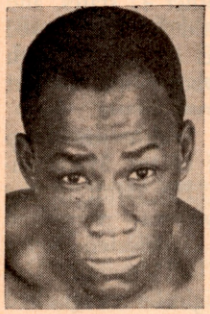
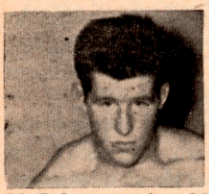


SOLOMON BOYSAW

Known as the "Buzzsaw". . . . Born in Birmingham, Ala. . . . Now lives in Cleveland, Ohio. . . . 28 years old. . . . Made pro debut in 1956. . . . Fought 24 bouts before suffering only loss. . . . Has won 26, draw one. . . . Good boxer who holds wins over Lulu Perez, Nursey Kid, Roberto Cruz, Steve Nittes, Candy McFarland, Jay Fullmer, Eddie Perkins, and Junior lightweight champion Flash Elorde, whom he fights for the title this spring. . . . Has fought in Australia, Venezuela and Philippines during last year. . . . Is hot favorite in Manila.

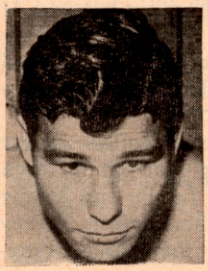


CHIC CALDERWOOD

British and Empire Light heavyweight champion. . . . Started boxing as a pro in 1957. . . .Had a fine career as an amateur, winning 64 of 70 bouts and many titles. . . . Is undefeated in 29 fights, scoring 21 kayos. . . . Won British title by kayoing Arthur Howard in 13 and the Empire title, kayoing Johnny Halafihi in 12. . . . Also has kayoed Rolf Peters, Joe Armstrong, Yolande Pompey, Burke Emery, Sam Langford and Charley Forrest and beaten Sonny Ray and Ron Redrup. . . . Is the Number One Contender for both the European and World Championships.

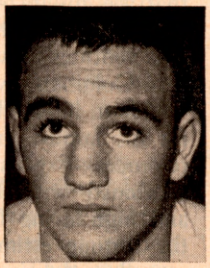
ROBERT CLEROUX

Strong body belting French-Canadian from Montreal. . . . 6 feet 1 inch, 200 pounder. . . . 23 years old. . . . Recently won the lost Canadian title in bouts with George Chuvalo that drew tremendous gates in Montreal, where is is top attraction. . . . Made pro debut in 1957. . . . Won first 13 bouts before losing to Buddy Turman. . . . Kayoed Turman in two rounds in return bout. . . . Won 24 of 27 bouts. . . . 20 knockouts. . . . Has defeated Willi Besmanoff, Eddie Vick, kayoed Roy Harris, Solomon McTier, Mickey Carter. . . . Is ranked among the top ten in his class.



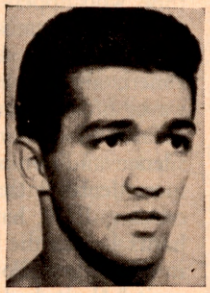
JORGE FERNANDEZ

Hard hitting Argentina welter contender. . . . Gained a place in the ratings after he defeated Denny Moyer, two months after Moyer had beaten champion Paret in a non-title fight. . . . 25 years old. . . . 5 foot 8 inches tall. . . . Made pro debut in 1953. . . . Came to United States in 1960. . . . Did not lose his first fight until his 45th bout. . . . Has won 71 of 77 fights, scoring 49 knockouts. . . . Has defeated Stefan Redl, Mel Barker, Joe Miceli, Martiniano Pereyra, Adalberto Ochoa. . . . One of the most popular boxers in his home land.



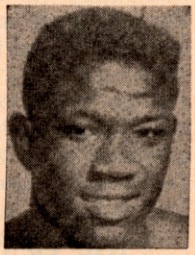
DON FULLMER

Youngest of the fighting Fullmer Clan. . . . Born in West Jordan Utah, 22 years ago. . . . Had an impressive record as an amateur. . . . Has been a pro since 1957. . . . Gained a place in world rating following his ten round draw with European champion Gustav Scholz in Germany, one of the year's top upsets. . . . A strong slugger like brother Gene. . . . Won first 17 bouts, lost 3 in a row and has since gone through 9 more without a loss. . . . Also defeated ex-welterweight king Virgil Akins and Stefan Redl.



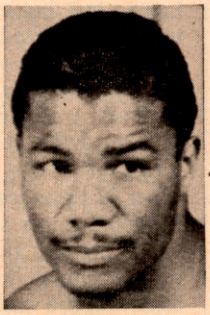
JOEY GIAMBRA

Classy boxing master from Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Long time top contender for middleweight crown. . . . 29 years old. . . . 5 foot 11 inches tall. . . . Started pro career in 1949. . . . Victorious in first 16 bouts before suffering first loss. . . . Lost only 5 of 70 bouts, scoring 28 kayoes. . . . Holds wins over Rory Calhoun, Joey Giardello, Chico Vejar, Ralph Jones, Rocky Castellani, Gil Turner. . . . Has lost only one of last 23, that to Calhoun whom he later defeated. . . . Is an ex-Army man, having served in 1954-55. . . . Never been knocked out.



EMILE GRIFFITH

Aggressive young welter threat from Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . 23 years old. . . . Born in Virgin Islands. . . . Came to New York as a youngster. . . . Was 1958 New York and Inter-City Golden Glove champion. . . . Started as a pro in June of 1958. . . . Has won 22 of 24 fights. . . . Was runner-up for RING Progress Award in 1960. . . . Holds wins over Denny Moyer, Jorge Fernandez, Florentino Fernandez, Luis Rodriguez, Gaspar Ortega, Willie Toweel. . . . Is scheduled to face Benny Paret for 147 pound title in the spring. . . . Works in the Millinery line. . . . Fought 7 main bouts in Madison Square Garden in 1960.



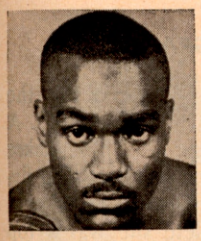
HENRY HANK

Crafty power puncher who developed into a contender in the past year. . . . Born 26 years ago in Greenville, Miss. Now lives in Detroit, Mich. . . . Right name, Joe Harrison. . . . Started as a pro in 1953. . . . Always was regarded as a good fighter but was shunned by top men until 1959. . . . Holds wins over Rory Calhoun, Jesse Bowdry, Neal Rivers, Hank Casey, Holly Mims, Charley Joseph, George Benton, Willie Vaughn, Rudy Ellis, Victor Zalazar. . . . Has kayoed 32 in winning 40 of 61 fights. . . . Married and the father of five children, four boys and a girl.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

CARLOS HERNANDEZ

Power punching Venezuelan lightweight champion. . . . Started his amateur career as a bantamweight and turned pro as a featherweight in 1959. . . . Has only a draw with Doug Vaillant to mar his record in 20 fights. . . . Won first 8 by kayos. . . . Hit the headlines by kayoing 126 pound champion Davey Moore in non-title bouts. . . . Good left hooker. . . Has dozen kayos included in his wins. . . . Lists victories over Angel Garcia, Gil Cadilli, Baby Vasquez, Alfredo Urbina, Rodolfo Francis. . . . Most popular local idol since Simon Chavez.

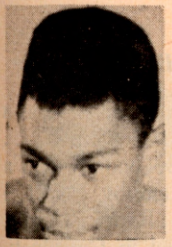


DOUG JONES

Hard hitting youngster who made rapid strides last year. . . . 24 years old. . . . 6 foot tall. . . . Began pro career in 1958. . . . Undefeated in 16 fights. . . . Won half by knockouts . . . Rated among top ten in his division. . . . Kayos over ex-middleweight champion Bobo Olson, Richie Hill, Andre Tessier. . . . Won from Clarence Floyd, Leroy Green, Juan Pomare, and Von Clay, twice. . . . Had an impressive record as an amateur. . . . His fights with Clay were among the top thrillers of the year. . . . Rated one of the best lads to come out of New York City in a long time.

TOM MC NEELEY

Undefeated brawler from Arlington, Mass. . . . Was an all-American high school football player, who quit Michigan State when they dropped boxing. . . His dad was a top-flight amateur who taught Tom and the neighborhood kids how to fight. . . . 24 years old. . . . 6 feet 2 inches tall. . . . 210 pounds. . . . Began pro career in 1958. . . . Hits hard with either hand, but scores his knockouts by wearing down his opponents. . . . Has scored 17 knockouts in winning 22 straight. . . . Holds wins over George Logan, Willi Besmanoff, Uli Ritter, Tunney Hunsaker. . . . Big favorite in Boston and throughout New England.

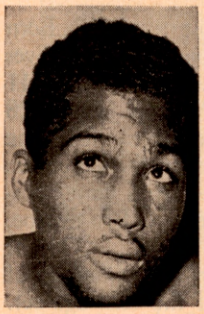


LEN MATTHEWS

Colorful socker from the "City of Brotherly Love". . . . 22 years old. . . . 5 foot 8 inches tall. . . . Had little amateur experience. . . . Made pro debut in 1957. . . . First loss came in 17th bout. . . . Won first 9 by kayos. . . . Leading contender for lightweight title. . . . Lost only 4 of 35. . . . Scored 18 kayos. . . . Among his victims are Johnny Busso, Kenny Lane, Jorge Quintero, Arthur Persley, Bobby Rogers. . . . Defeated Orlando Zulueta, Alfredo Urbina, Tommy Tibbs, Johnny Gonsalves, Paul Armstead, Candy McFarland, Chico Morales. . . . Big drawing card in home town with large following.

DENNY MOYER

Baby-faced boxer from Portland, Oregon. . . . Younger of fighting brothers, father and uncle were also boxers. . . . 22 years old. . . . Was National AAU 147 pound champion in 1957. . . . Is listed among top contenders for title. . . . Recently defeated Benny Paret in non-title fight. . . . First loss came in bid for crown against Don Jordan in his 21st fight. . . . At 19, he was youngster challenger in many years. . . . A good boxer with fine left hand. . . . Holds wins over ex-champs, Johnny Saxton, Virgil Akins, Paddy DeMarco, Tony DeMarco. . . . Also defeated Emile Griffith, Gaspar Ortega, Vince Martinez, Tony Dupas. . . . Has won 27 of 29 bouts.



SUGAR RAMOS

Cuban featherweight champion. . . . Rated among the top three in his class. . . . 22 years old. . . . Born in Matanzas. . . . Began pro career in 1957. . . . Undefeated in 25 fights. . . . Draw with Ike Chestnut only blot on record. . . . First seven wins were by kayos. . . . Hard hitter he has stopped 20 foes, including Jesus Santamaria, Tony Padron, Angel Guerrero, Orlando Castillo. . . . Defeated Sonny Leon and Castilo in 12 rounds to win title. . . . Newest Cuban hero. . . . Called the "New Kid Chocolate". . . . Right name is Urtiminio.

GIULIO RINALDI

Newest fistic sensation following his win over Archie Moore. . . . Is first light heavyweight to beat Moore since 1951. . . . Winner of the RING's 1960 Progress Award. . . . Won Italian title by kayoing Sante Amonti in one round. . . . Born in Anzio 26 years ago. . . . Started as a pro in 1957. . . . Had so-so record until last year. . . . Won 23 of 28 bouts, his victims including Johnny Halafihi, Germinal Ballarin, Rocco Mazzola, Sonny Ray, Sam Langford, Leen Jansen, Uwe Janssen. . . . Had long amateur career. . . . Good left hooker, he has scored 8 kayos.

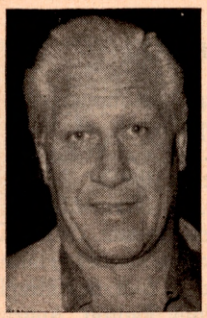
TERRY SPINKS

British featherweight champion. . . . Was Olympic Flyweight champion at Melbourne in 1956. . . . Was one of the top amateurs in British history. . . . Has been fighting for pay since 1957. . . . Won first 19 bouts. . . . Good puncher, having scored 11 kayos in winning 32 of 37 bouts with one draw. . . . Kayoed Bobby Neill in 11 rounds to gain title in last fight. . . . Also holds wins over Johnny Kid, Pierre Cossemyns, Pat Supple, Henri Schmid, Eric Brett, Don Mount Bassey, Eddie O'Connor, and drew with Roy Jacobs. . . . Ranked among World's top ten in his division.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—WRESTLERS

PENNY BANNER

Blonde-haired, green eyed, 5 feet 8 inches, a solid 150 pounds of well distributed muscle and curves. . . . Attended Roasti-Kain High School in St. Louis where she was all-around athlete. . . . An expert in Judo. . . . Has been an actress and a USO hostess. . . . Loves children. . . . In her early "20's". . . . An expert at swimming and all water sports. . . . Rates tops as a skier. . . . Rugged inside the roped circle but just as feminine as could be outside of the ring. One of wrestling's brighter pennies.



FRED BLASSIE

Known as the "Lover Boy". . . . Born in Normandy, Missouri. . . . Now lives in Louisville, Ky. . . . Stands 5 feet 11 inches tall. . . . Weighs in at 228 pounds. . . . A great favorite in the South. . . . Top name in the Carolinas. . . . Outside ring, hobby is flower raising. . . . Has met men like Ben Sharpe, Ivan Rasputin, Lou Thesz. . . . One of wrestling's "nice guys". . . . Goes out of his way to give autographs. . . . Idol of the teen age set. . . . Can be rough and tough. . . . Gives fans action all the way.

RITA CORTEZ

A product of Mexico City the Spanish whirlwind is one of the most popular of the gals in wrestling. . . . She's mean, she's rough, she's a villain. . . . She's action from bell to bell. . . . Rita toes the toledoes at 147 pounds. . . . Stands 5 feet 7 inches with beautiful black hair and deep, large black eyes. . . . The gal has a favorite hold that she calls the Mexican Bounce. . . . She loves to fish, hunt and play golf. . . . Known as the Mexican Spitfire. . . . Loves good music and has a terrific record collection.

RONNIE "WONDER BOY" ETCHISON

A World War II veteran, the "Missouri Whirlwind" has been in the professional field for more than fifteen years. . . . Is a handsome 6 feet 2 inches, 235 pounder. . . . Hails from St. Joseph, Missouri. . . . Making Santa Cruz, California his home. . . . Was runner up in voting for "Hero" of The Year and "Wrestler" of The Year's Awards for 1960. . . . Is clean, scientific type grappler. . . . A well proportioned glamour boy who wears fancy robes as part of his showmanship.

PEPPER GOMEZ

Real name is Joseph Serapio Palemino Gomez. . . . Has won titles of "Mr. California" and "Mr. Muscle Beach". . . . Married and has four children. . . . Trained for pros by Ed "Strangler" Lewis and Billy Sandow. . . . Packs 210 pounds on a 5 feet 10 inches frame. . . . Employs three holds with great effectiveness, the twisting head scissors, airplane spin and stomach claw. . . . He has met top men like Lou Thesz, Wild Bill Longson, Don Leo Jonathan, Danny McShain and Duke Keomuka. . . . Gomez is one of wrestling's roughest.

JUDY GRABLE

The "Barefooted Contessa" is the pride of Miami Beach, Florida. . . . A top gal with her legs. . . . She makes great use of her flying head scissors, flying toe holds, dropkicks and cartwheels. . . . A natural athlete she was a top swimmer and basketball player at high school. . . . She started her training to become a wrestler at the tender age of fourteen. . . .Was a star in a traveling circus in which she starred as a member of a trapeze act. . . . Known as the female Antonio Rocca. . . . Wrestles without shoes.

BIG HUMPHREY

The big storm from Georgia. . . . 752 pounds of wrestling knowhow. . . . Humphrey specializes in a "plop" hold in which he plops and his opponents are then in a hole. . . . He eats seven meals a day. . . . Tab for a day at the board usually runs to $40 or more. . . . Has a waist measurement of 85". . . . Like Haystack Calhoun, Paul Anderson, and the Farmers, the "Big Man" is an oddity. . . . He will have to develop more skill if he is to stick as a favorite among the grunt and groaners.

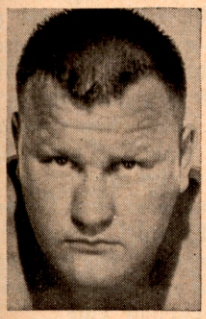
ETHEL JOHNSON

As smart as a button and agile as a ballet dancer, that's Ethel Johnson. . . . She's a shade over 130 pounds with a curving frame that climbs 5 feet 4 inches into the sky. . . . Born in Atlanta, Georgia she was reared in Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . The first Negro girl to be booked as a professional wrestler. . . . A clean, fast speedster who depends mainly on skill. . . . At school participated in baseball, volleyball and basketball. . . . She makes her own clothes. . . . Loves to design and paint.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—WRESTLERS

LORAINE JOHNSON

Born in Red Wing, Minnesota. . . . Weight 140 pounds, height 5 feet 6 inches. . . . Youngest of five girls in family. . . . A tomboy who grew up loving hunting and fishing. . . . At high school became captain of basketball team and high scorer in league. . . . A blonde roughie who learned many of her holds from watching Minnesota U wrestlers working out at gym. . . . One of the real speed merchants among the women grapplers. . . . Durable and one of the most solidly grounded of the gals in basic holds and escapes.



GENE KINISKI

One of the newer crop who has jumped to top billing. . . . A runner-up for Villain of The Year Award by Ring Magazine. . . . Has held Canadian Open Tag Team crown with partner Don Leo Jonathan. . . . One of Canada's fastest coming grapplers. . . . A former Arizona University football star. . . . Now rampages across rings as a villain. . . . Uses Edmonton, Canada, as his base of operations. . . . A rip-snorting, snarling, two-fisted meanie, he bashes heads just to hear the noise they make.

WLADEK "KILLER" KOWALSKI

The fearsome giant of the mat circuit. . . . 6 feet 7 inches tall and 275 pounds of muscle, he packs most powerful arms. Born in Windsor, Canada. . . . Polish ancestry. . . . Developed his massive frame as result of weight lifting. . . . A wrestler with solid knowledge of holds and escapes, he is frightening when he takes the role of a villain. . . . His knee drop can be plain murder. . . . Outside the ring, this bone crusher is as mild a man as can be found. . . . Loves soft music, philosophy and the study of hypnosis at which he considers himself an expert.

BETSY ROSS

A Buckeye beauty who saw light of day at Spencerville, Ohio. . . . Plays trombone, trumpet, sings and considered better than average actress. . . . Packs a well distributed 125 pounds of sex appeal on a 5 feet 2 inches frame. . . . Among the twist and benders she depends on skill and plenty of speed to make up for her lack of heft. . . . Her hobbies are swimming and dancing. . . . Never touches pie or cakes, loves salads. . . . Is a top flight artist and can crochet a mean doily.

BRUNO SAMMARTINO

Italian born. . . . Makes his home in Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . 6 feet of solid muscle that packs the scales for a 260 pound reading. . . . A strong man. . . . lifts 540 pounds over his head in a bench lift. . . . Ring specialty is the "Bear Hug". . . . Is single. . . . Likes classical music. . . . Is a weight lifter. . . Dislikes Rock 'n Roll. . . . He is twenty-three years of age. . . . Hopes to retire when thirty to open a health studio. . . . Depends on his great strength more than the scientific approach in his matches.

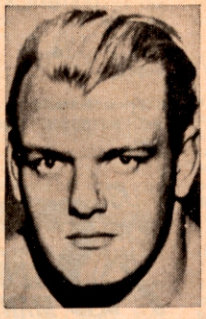
WILBUR SNYDER

Blond haired, blue-eyed and as rough a customer as the ring has. . . . A scientific groaner who can play it square or a la villain. . . . 6 feet 2 inches in his bare feet, he tugs the scales at 235. . . . Was an all-around athlete at the University of Utah. . . . Is an expert with drop kicks and flying tackles. . . . Is married and has two children.

Started as a professional in 1954. . . . Was born in Santa Monica, California, and still resides in the Sunny state. . . . Has a hat full of championships including California TV title which he won from Verne Gagne, and Tag Team Title won with partner Gagne when they defeated Stan and Reggie Liswoski.

RICKI STARR

Started wrestling in high school in St. Louis, Missouri where he won 17 amateur titles in the 175 pound class. . . . Next, on to Purdue U where he studied Theatrical Arts and Speech. . . . He also did his share of grappling while at Purdue. . . . His study of speech has come in handy for his grunting and groaning. . . . Became a pro in 1952. . . . Has won majority of his 1500 matches. . . . Stands 5' 9½" tall and weighs about 195 pounds. He has been a boxer and ballet dancer. . . . One of the top men in field today.



JOHNNY VALENTINE

"Big John" is one of the top villains. . . . A native of Houston, Texas. . . . Stands 6 feet 2 inches and hits the scales at better than 220 pounds. . . . Known also as "The Blond Jet". . . . Has an operatic voice. . . . Favorite hold is the back breaker. . . . Is married and has three children. . . . Draws as much as $4,000 for one night's wrestling. . . . Served his wrestling apprenticeship under an ex-champion and master grappler, Stanislaus Zbyszko at his grunt-and-groan farm in Missouri. . . . Has one of hottest tempers among wrestling fraternity.

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PLEASING PUNCHERS

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a flyweight and in his first amateur bout, captured the championship of his country.

A fine amateur, he competed in the Pan-American games in Chicago in 1959 and lost in the semi-final round on an unpopular decision. The long-legged, five feet nine inches Chino added the Dominican Republic bantamweight title in 1958 to the 112 pound title he had won the previous year.

Diaz, who has an older brother Wilfredo, who has won twelve of eighteen bouts, with eight kayos, decided that there was not much chance for a boxer to get ahead in his home land and is now doing his fighting out of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He launched his pro career in March and quickly moved into the star bout class. He won by knockouts and fought two draws with Daniel Berrios.

Hector, who for one of his years and limited experience has shown marked ability in the ring, feels that he can reach the top in his chosen profession and like any youngster, is filled with enthusiasm. That is shared by those who have followed his rapid rise from a raw novice in two short years.

A puncher always wins the fancy of the crowd, and such is the story with twenty-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa. native Connie Vaughn, who is still on a cloud over the triumph of his beloved Pirates.

Connie, who was forced to quit school in his junior year in high school to help support his family, is one of five boys and two girls. After his dad, Eddie, an ex-fighter, was taken ill, Connie took a job as a stock boy in a department store. He hopes to be able to return to school to finish his education as soon as he can.

Pittsburgh boxing men liken Connie to his fistic idol, Ezzard Charles when he was first starting out. His speed on attack and physical resemblance, recall the ex-world heavyweight king.

Connie had only six amateur fights. He won five and in 1957 was the state Golden Gloves Junior 175 pound champion. His two older brothers, Eddie Jr. and Paul boxed as amateurs and Connie did so well sparring with them, that he decided to give the money sport a whirl.

Since turning pro in the fall of 1959, he has had eight fights and only one went the limit. He won his first two by kayos, then was stopped in six rounds by Joe Stevenson whom he had kayoed in one round a month earlier. A rubber meeting between them is now brewing.

He bounced back from that setback with five straight wins this year, and only highly regarded Jimmy Roberts of Louisville lasted the limit with him. Connie has kayoed Sonny Brown, Ken Griggs, Roger Wakefield, Dick Anzalone and Willie Parker.

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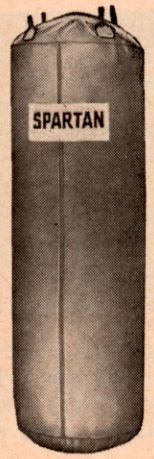

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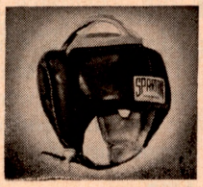

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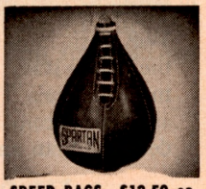

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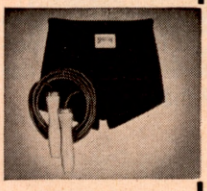

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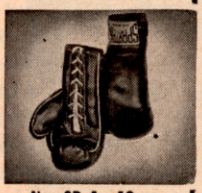

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NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

RORY CALHOUN, 163¼, AND HANK CASEY, OPENED THE NATION'S 1961 FIGHT PICTURE with an interesting 10 rounder staged New Year's Day in Municipal Auditorium, while the New Orleans battle brought together two colorful middleweights, it proved somewhat of a failure at the box office.

It also was the year's first ring upset, as Calhoun was awarded a close, split decision victory over the San Francisco fighter who was The Ring's No. 3 challenger as a result of two victories over Henry Hank last year.

Although past New Year's fight proved quite successful, no doubt, the time was not ripe for the January 1 battle. Although some 2500 fans attended with a gross of $4,000 to see the middleweights in action, it was a losing venture for Lou Messina and Curley Gagliano, who promoted the contest. It was one of the few times, however, that Messina came out a loser.

Pitching the Casey-Calhoun fight in the midst of the Sugar Bowl carnival of sports proved a mistake. Sports fans were head over heels interested in the tennis, track, sailing and football events staged during the week.

Calhoun, who hails from White Plains, N. Y., came from behind to win the last two rounds and the decision. The small crowd was brought to its feet as Casey and Calhoun played pitch-and-catch in several of the rounds—especially the seventh when both fighters tossed their best weapons throughout the three minutes.

Casey was slow to start, but appeared to be on his way to victory going into the last two rounds. Calhoun, a flat-footed fighter, checked Casey's attack with heavy bombs to the body and head. In the final two sessions he rocked Casey with all sorts of punches. Casey, however, never once failed to meet the challenge with a flurry of blows to the head, rocking Rory with straight punches and timely uppercuts on occasions.

Referee Freddie Adams scored it for Calhoun 5-4-1, and judge Battling Ferdi had Rory in front 6-4, while judge Eddie Brown tabbed it for Casey, 5-3-2. I thought Casey's superior boxing earned him a point victory, but regardless, the fight was a good one.

The special tenner which served as the semi-final found Freddie Little, 160, putting a crimp in Charley Joseph's comeback plans, beating the latter in another fine attraction. Joseph, out of the ring for more than 15 months, weighed 159. The decision in Little's favor was unanimous with the three officials, but Joseph proved he was good enough to resume fighting. Fact is, the Little fight may put Charley in better condition for his next battle.

Dan Toomer, 158, whipped Roger Watkins, 154½, in the opening four of a star-studded middleweight card, while George Lae, 161, rallied to upset Charley Leslie, 167, in the other four rounder.

▶The recent flareup between Ralph Dupas and Manager Whitey Esneault has been patched up, according to Esneault. At the time, Ralph was reportedly moving under the wing of Angelo Dundee, but it later developed that Dupas agreed to remain with the veteran Esneault, who started the local boy as an amateur some 15 years ago. Both, Esneault and Dundee reportedly have signed Dupas to contracts.

▶Unlike the previous year, 1960 was nothing to write home about insofar as the boxing sport in New Orleans was concerned.

The year 1959 was a banner one for Promoter Lou Messina, whose major attractions —with the exception of one—proved real money-makers. The exception was the Henry Hank-Jess Bowdry fight, an interesting bout which was staged during the late holiday season. However, local promoters vision a brighter picture for 1961. They feel certain the Crescent City will once again return to the big-time fights so successfully arranged in previous years.

Rory Calhoun, Henry Hank, Joey Giambra, Harold Johnson and many other well-known ring performers are being mentioned for New Orleans fights during 1961. Which could mean another banner year for the Crescent City promoters.

Just the same, there are some who are skeptical of the sport for the near future, what with the lack of top talent available and the poor publicity given the sport in the recent U. S. Senate Rackets Committee probes.

▶Biggest ring attractions here during 1960 were the two bouts in which Henry Hank engaged Hank Casey. A comparative unknown at the time, Casey gained nationwide recognition by upsetting Hank in their first meeting, only to be outscored in a close affair shortly after. Incidently, a third meeting in San Francisco resulted in a victory for Casey.

▶He may not be the most talented ring performer around these parts, but Tony Dupas must be quite a crowd-pleaser and clubfighter by the numerous offers extended Whitey Esneault's middleweight. Tony, younger brother of Ralph, is always ready and willing to meet an opponent, regardless of his foes' ability or high rating.

▶For information regarding fights and fighters in New Orleans, contact Ike Morales at 1510 Gen. Pershing St., New Orleans (15), La.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF BOXING ENDED FOR ARIZONA, WITH THE MAJOR PROMOTIONS BY THE CAPITOL BOXING CLUB UNDER PAAVO KETONEN. At the Garden on December 7, Willie (Rockabye) Ross, who owns the state welterweight championship, stopped veteran Pinky Peralta of Nogales, in 8. Heavyweight Dave Furch won a split decision victory over Floyd Joyner in 8. In fours, Mario Estrada, 122, Mesa, outpointed Chilo Carranza, 120, Tucson; and Johnny McKenna, 164, outpointed Big Boy Holmes, 160.

▶Negro Veloz, 147, of Nogales, won his biggest bout by taking a 10-round decision over Luis Garduno, 150, Mesa. In a co-feature 10-rounder, promising Henry Olea, 133, Phoenix, won a fast decision over Kid Aztequita, 135, Hermosillo. In the 8-round semi-final, Danny Medrano, 120, Nogales, won over Chilo Carranza, 120, Tucson. Johnny McKenna, whose real name is Featherman, stopped LeVerne Williams in the third of a four-round prelim. Both weighed 165.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

IT'S ALWAYS A NOSTALGIC MOMENT when the old year fades into the past, but lets hope that 1961 is a bit better fistic-wise than its predecessor.

As far as the writer can see, the brigtest young star on the fistic horizon is Houston's rough and ready blond bomber, Tod Herring. The Bayou City heavyweight can reach stardom this year—he has all the qualifications. Stands better than 6-2, and tips the beam at 210. He's undefeated in 12 fights, winning most by kayo.

Cleve "Big Cat" Williams has the best chance of grabbing a high notch among the elite of the big fellow's division. There's no one quite like the "Big Cat" on the heavyweight scene today.

Look for Roy Harris to be in several big fights in Houston, and elsewhere during 1961. He's after a rematch with Bob Cleroux.

▶Only one show to report for this month.

San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter Frank Duran, 117, Austin, outdueled highly touted Luis Leija, 118, San Antonio, and surprised with a 10-round victory. Jesse Leija, 129, San Antonio, iced Artie Clark, 129, Austin, in the second. Earl Citizen, 145, Austin, scored a big upset in knocking off Bennie Castillo, 149, San Antonio, in the third heat. Paul Alba, 130½, Austin, starched Narcisco Garcia, 135½, San Antonio, in the first.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

ONE OF THE YEAR'S MAJOR BOXING upsets took place at the convention hall when Lanky Doug Vaillant, a Cuban youngster, jabbed and landed many right hands on the No. 1 lightweight slugger and puncher, Len Matthews, to win the unanimous ten-round decision in an-all star card here. Matthews weathered early assault but he never got over the first round clouting he received.

The majority of the 5000 fans approved the dicision, they paid $17,638 gross, but Al Lewis and Phil Glassman were disappointed by the turnout. Matthews who had a half pound edge in weight, weighed 137, suffered his first defeat in 1960.

In the other bouts: Jimmy Beecham, 155, Miami, was stopped in the tenth and final round by Jesse Smith, 160, Philadelphia. These two fired cannon balls at each other all the way. Early in the tenth round, Smith nailed Beecham with a left-right duo and dropped him. Jimmy came up quickly, but was given a count of eight. Still shaky, he went down for another eight count. Finally, a long right on the chin toppled him on his face under the ropes, out cold.

Former welterweight champ Virgil Akins, 149, St. Louis, was declared the loser on a split and unpopular decision to Candy McFarland, Philadelphia, who weighed 146.

Kenny Lane, 140, Muskeegon, Mich., won over Algerian Lahouari Godih, 141 pounds. This decision also met with the disapproval of the fans.

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CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

THE ATTEMPTED REVIVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING ran into a snag when only 3192 fans paying $12,912.50 for the all star show arranged by Larry Atkins and Ed Bang at the Cleveland Arena. The withdrawal by Alex Miteff from his scheduled match with Pete Rademacher, coupled with cold weather hurt the gate badly. Rademacher, won the unanimous decision over Willy Besmanoff in ten rounds.

In the other feature match Cecil Shorts, Cleveland welterweight blasted his way into a prominent spot in the welterweight division when he knocked out Vince Martinez of Miami Beach in four rounds. Shorts scored four knockdowns in the fourth round and referee Jackie Davis, stopped the bout.

▶Charley Marotta, one time wrestler and operator of one of the most popular small boxing clubs in Ohio years back in Cleveland died at the age of 78. He had been retired for many years. It was at Marotta's amateur shows in Cleveland that Johnny Risko, first made his reputation.

▶Tony Hughes, Cleveland heavyweight in the future will be managed by former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and Vic Marsillo . . . Hughes will move to New York. His former manager Tony Brush, will be his Cleveland representative.

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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

TWO AUSTRALIAN TITLE FIGHTS WERE CONTESTED LATE LAST YEAR EACH FEATURING A CHAMPION. At Sydney Stadium, Australian bantam champion Johnny Jarrett successfully defended his title by knocking out Australian flyweight champion Alan Gibbards in the sixth round.

Four days after the fight Gibbards went to Rockhampton, in the State of Queensland, and met Billy Dunnett in an overweight bout. Here is one for the RING RECORD BOOK AND BOXING ENCYCLODEDIA: referee Johnny Doyle crowned both boys at the end of the last (12th) round. The crowd hooted the drawn verdict and Doyle got back into the ring and crowned Dunnett! And that is the verdict published.

The changed verdict made the crowd even more annoyed because they thought Gibbards won the fight clearly. A brawl started and police had to stop the disturbance.

Dunnett out-weighed Gibbards by several pounds. Gibbards, like Jarrett, seldom has fought a lighter man than himself. Alan even has fought—and beaten—lightweights!

Eight days after the Dunnett bout, Gibbards was in Canberra, Australia's capital city. There he defended his title against Jackie Bruce and lost his crown when a cut eye forced him out at the end of the sixth round.

▶ Visiting French lightweight Guizani Rezgui upset American Auburn Copeland at the Melbourne Festival Hall. Rezgui won on points—a verdict highly disputed by Copeland but few others.

▶ At the Brisbane Festival Hall, Rezgui went under by a close points verdict to Wally Taylor, Australian featherweight champion. It was a hard fight, as are all of Taylor's bouts. Reception of the verdict was about 50-50 from the crowd, so a rematch seems a certainty.

Pound for pound, Taylor is our best fighter at present.

▶ The dispute about who is the number one contender (after Taylor) for the Australian lightweight title, was settled at Melbourne Festival Hall when Gary Cowburn knocked out Steve Nittes in the 10th round after dominating the fight from start to finish. The referee halted the bout with Nittes helpless.

▶ One week earlier, at the same venue, Italian welter champion Bruno Visintin soundly outpointed Johnny Tapp, the Australian thumper. Johnny was too inexperienced for the canny Italian.

▶ Junior lightweight (he can make featherweight) Colin Bell knocked out Gordon Bell in the sixth round at Sydney Stadium.

▶ At the Brisbane Festival Hall, Frenchman Antoine Martin easily outpointed Colin Bell over 12 rounds. Martin was too fast.

▶ Kid Lewis won the vacant Victorian State welterweight title when he outpointed Bobby Liddle at the Melbourne Festival Hall. The bout was contested over 15 rounds and Lewis, the bigger boy, won by a large margin.

▶ The same night, at the Brisbane Festival Hall, a double bill of two 12-rounders took place. Welter Billy Watt punched too hard for junior welter Graham Lightfoot, the referee halting the bout in the ninth round. In the other main, NSW wildman middleweight Norm Jones stopped Charlie Chambers in the fourth round. An eye injury brought the stoppage, but Jones had the fight in hand.

▶ A double bill in Sydney featured Norm Jones against Reg Hayes and Dick Fleetwood against Johnny Grady. Hayes won easily on points. Hard-punching Fleetwood was having his first fight in Australia—he is a New Zealander—and showed well in halting Grady in eight rounds.

▶ At Penrith welter Noel Bluegum Mathews knocked out Roy Ryan in the last round of a ten-rounder fight. I was the referee. Ryan was down three times from body punches in the tenth. I stopped the fight.

▶ Melbourne Festival Hall featured a double bill. Young Macka gained a points verdict over Bluegum Mathews but the crowd did not agree with the verdict. They thought that Noel had done enough to win.

The other half of the double bill resulted in a draw between lightweights Darcy Lee and Ross Colossimo.

▶ At Ulmarra veteran Coogan Brown knocked out Brendon Tapp in the fourth round with body rips. Big upset. They are welters. Ronnie James was the referee.

▶ A short summary of the year's boxing: 12 Australian title fights took place. In the heavyweight division, Steve Raduly made three defenses, then retired. In the light-heavyweight division, Clive Stewart, middleweight champion, took the title from Steve Raduly. In the middleweight class, Stewart made one successful defense, then lost his title to Peter Read.

▶ Stadiums Ltd paired Johnny Tapp and Brian Sheehan for the "vacant" welter title. Tapp won. But the real champion is George Barnes, who won the title in the ring, lost it and re-won it and has not lost it since.

Lightweight champion George Bracken made two successful defenses of his title. Bracken proved to be Australia's best drawcard, but he confined his activities to Melbourne where he packs the joint at almost every appearance.

Featherweight champion Wally Taylor did not defend his title; bantam champ Johnny Jarrett made one successful defense. The flyweight title was vacant when the year opened and Alan Gibbards won the crown when he knocked out Teddy Bell. Gibbards just lost his title to Jackie Bruce.

Biggest money-earner of the year was George Barnes who earned around $18,500 in three fights in 1960, one of which was in Wales, where he lost his Empire title to Brian Curvis.

But it was left to an American Ralph Dupas to make the most money in Australia during 1960. His four fights here earned him around $24,500. He was a sensation here.

▶ Fighters were imported to Australia from USA, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Japan, Nigeria and France. 25 importations fought in Australia during 1960, with varying success. The good ones made good money, the others little.

▶ A total of 87 Australian boxers engaged in main-event bouts of 12 rounds. Clive Stewart was our busiest main-eventer with 10 bouts, including three in New Zealand. Several prelim boys had more fights.

CANADIAN MARITIMES

By Fred Bishop

GLACE BAY, N. S. Flashy punching Blair Richardson, 160, South Bar, stopped rugged Gene Hamilton, 165, Bronx, N. Y., in the last minute of the tenth round of a furious fight. Richardson connected with a wild left hook midway through the fourth that spun Gene around and dropped him for an eight count. Hamilton came back in the fifth and through the eighth, outboxed Blair but was in big trouble again in the ninth. The home boy went all out, landing with long rights repeatedly. After having his knees buckled, Gene was dropped midway through the tenth by a left hook. Referee Pordena Smith stopped the fight.

In the semi-final of six, Jose Pigoria, 123, Puerto Rico, showing for the first time in Maritime rings, lost a hairline decision to undefeated Allie Steele, 126, Reserve Mines, N. S. Steel ran his undefeated string to 10, nine wins and a draw. In 1959 he won the Canadian Army lightweight title at Winnipeg.

Colin McPhail, 160, South Bar, surprised with a big win over veteran Vince Cooke, 161, Amherst, N. S., in a rough fight of four rounds.

Dave MacLeod, 143, South Bar, got the nod in four over Spider Sparks, 140, Halifax, and Freddie McNeil, 120, Glace Bay, outpointed Boom-Boom Gillis, 121, Sydney, in four.

▶ Jackie Hayden, Westville, N. S., for the past five years Maritime lightweight champion, has retired. Hayden has been bothered by tender eyes. Hayden, over a 12-year span, went to the post fifty-four times, winning thirty-five and drawing five.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

By Ruggles G. Larson

PETE RADEMACHER RETURNED TO HIS HOME STATE to outbox and outpunch Kirk Barrow, 178 pounder from Spokane. Pete's ring experience and 16 pounds weight advantage was too much for the younger Barrow. Everyone was convinced of Pete's superiority except judge Carl Maxey, former Gonzaga U., N.C.A.A. Lightheavyweight Champ, whose vote made the decison split.

In the undercard, Cleve Graham, 189, L.A., knocked out Elmer Hardy, 206, Seattle, in the second. Cal Brown, 157, Priest River, Idaho, kayoed Johnny Wallace, 154, Sandpoint, Idaho, in the sixth. Lee Komo, 143, Yakima, decisioned Webster Arthur, 153, Lewiston, Idaho, in four. And Preston Kratz, 145, Boise, Idaho, stopped Johnny Cannon, 135, Lewiston, Idaho, in the opener.

The Spokane Coliseum card grossed $13,846, by 5,146 customers.

▶ Four Washington State boxers journeyed to Portland to display their talents before Oregon ring fans. Willie Jennings, 158, Seattle, decisioned fellow townsmen Ernie Gipson, 159½, in six rounds. Also in six, Bobby Lee of Seattle, decisioned Thurman Stevens of Longview in a middleweight engagement.

In the double main event topping this show, Eddie Machen decisioned New Yorker, Wayne Bethea and Phil Moyer stopped Eddie Jones of L.A., in two.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

FLASH ELORDE, 134, AND JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD badly outpointed Vicente Rivas, 134½, of Venezuela, in a 10 round non-title bout at the Araneta Coliseum of Quezon City. The Filipino downed the Venezuelan three times; first in the 4th with an 8 count; second in the 5th with a 2 count and the third was in the 10th with a 3 count. In his 3 trips to the canvas Rivas had been always saved by the bell but in the 6th Rivas drew blood from Elorde's mouth and a left hook shut the eye of the champion. Rivas defeated Elorde in Caracas, June 15, 1959.

Gene Aragon, 120, bested Dommy Felicia, 120, in 8 rounds. Aragon is still the old boxing master before his temporary retirement and now on his comeback trail to beat a trial horse in the bantam division. Rosalave Kid, 115, won a unanimous decision over Flash Audie, 116, in 6 rounds. Sugar Cane Carreon, 117, kayoed Ward Fuentes, 117, in 6. Henry Acido, 112, outpointed Par Marcelo, 112, in another 6 rounder. Billy Castorico, 114, halted Santy Moore, 114, in 2. Serafin Concepcion, 114, kayoed Alberto Espiritu, 114, in 3 of the opener.

▶Angel Boy, 121 kayoed Orlando Medina, 120 in the 7th round of a scheduled 10 in Manila. Medina is an upcoming knockout artist but matched against a veteran fighter like Angel will spoil the future of this boy. A left and a right to the jaw finished the night for Medina. Curly Aguirre, 118 kayoed Teo Castaneda, 117 in 6, Carlito Padilla, 108 won over Abraham Kid, 104 in 4. San Juan Boy, 120 bested Paul Pascua, 120 in 6. Dommy Froilan, 125 defeated Johnny Sandigan, 126 in 4. Smart Roland, 115 drew with Rolly Alama, 119 in 4. Pat Rostata, 100 and Mar Sorbito, 108 drew in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Vic Campo, 112, and former flyweight champion of the Philippines badly outpointed Star Catalan, 112½, in a 10 round main event in Armando Besa's promotion in Manila. Pat Lakandulo, 120, and Ador Plaza, 121, drew in 8 rounds. Jessie Fernandez, 112, and Carlito Padilla, 112, also drew in 4. Star Rodriguez, 112, decisioned Rocky Padilla, 108, in 6. Jess de Leon, 115, won over Leo Aquino, 115, in 6. Speedy Garcia, 113, bested Romeo Sierra, 115, in 4. Dory Articulo, 118, outpointed Fil Mendy, 118, in 4 rounds. Fer de la Pena, 125, outpunched Fighting Tony, 127, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Young Terror, 130, became the newly crowned junior lightweight of the Philippines by winning the unpopular 10 round decision over Yukio Katsumata, 129, of Japan at the Rizal Coliseum. The junior lightweight division is a new creation of the GAB. The Japanese was the eggressor of the night while the Filipino used hit-and-run tactics. Fil Ravalo, 135, won over Hideo Oishi, 135, of Japan via the kayo route in the 8th round. The Japanese won the admiration of the crowd with his gameness.

Kid Tacio, 112, won the unanimous decision to another Japanese flyweight, Yoshihiro Nanao in another 10 rounder. Tiger Willie, 126, won a split decision over Flash Menny, 127, in 8. Little Narding, 115, bested Small Dave, 117, in 6. Sixto Plenos defeated Deo Espinosa in 4 rounds. Both are flyweights.

▶Charley Scott, 146, American fighter from Philadelphia knocked out Rocky Kalingo, 146¾, of the Philippines, in 2:37 of the 1st round at Araneta Coliseum of Quezon City. It was but a short work for the American when he landed his left hook to the jaw sending Rocky dead to the world. At the count of 9 Kalingo stood up on rubber legs and before Scott could do the finishing touches the referee intervened. Cisco Kid, 114, kayoed Marcel Juban, 114, in 6. Johnny Jamito, 117, won the bantam crown from Young Aquino, 116½, after 12 round supporting main event. Orlando Medina, 124, halted Al Cantara, 123, in the 1st round. Lory Articulo, 112, bested Rocky Padilla, 109, in 4.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS

By Jack Waina

UNLESS HENRY HANK WAKES UP TO REALITY AND SOON, the promising fistic prowess of the Detroiter is likely to fade into oblivion. In his latest start against Gene "Ace" Armstrong at the Garden and carried on national TV, Hank was anything but a sensation. He lost an easy decision to the Easterner. If Hank were a fighter of limited ability it would be understandable. However, when in condition he is an excellent boxer besides being a torrid puncher. In some of his recent starts Hank has had to rely entirely upon his punching in an effort to win. In doing so he has been taking unnecessary punishment and has become ineffective in comparison to the fighter he was six months ago!

▶Michigan's two classy lightweights, veteran Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, and Detroit's promising Gene Gresham wasted no time returning to the win trail after having suffered infrequent defeats at the hands of Len Matthews and Eddie Perkins earlier.

Lane treeked down to Philly where he punched out a ten round decision over Lahouari Godih, a victim of Gresham several months earlier. Meanwhile Gresham, Michigan's 135 and 148 pound champion, easily outboxed Fran Martinovich at McKeesport, Pa.

▶James Remson is one of the hardest punching middleweights around, but his inability to take a punch is his short coming and will be his eventual downfall. Headlining Oscar Rappaport's second promotional effort at the Graystone Ballroom and the last card of 1960 here, Remson hooked up with Skippy Green, of Pittsburgh, in an abbreviated feature attraction. Green's claim to fame being a desperation punch victory over classy Sonny Hill.

Green came out at the opening bell and threw a glancing right hand that knocked Remson half way through the ropes. Had the punch landed solidly it could have been one of the fastest knockouts in recent years. However, Remson managed to gain his equanimity and catch the backpeddling Green with a left hook high on the forehead for the finish at 2:35 of the first round.

The preliminary card was made up of five bouts involving all Detroiters, of which only two went the distance. Lightheavy Andy Holt won a pleasing contest over Eugene Duncan to remain undefeated after five starts, and Bobby Bell edged out Enoch Mapp in a lightweight scuffle. Both bouts were four rounders.

Welterweight John Powell stopped Aaron Jenkins in two and heavyweight Harvey Cody Jones halted Tommy Phillips in one. The less said about these bouts the better. In another contest middleweight Joe Black, who punches like a mule, was far too powerful for Steve Peterson making his debut, stopping him in two.

▶Sportsman C. W. Smith's classy welterweight Billy Collins made his first ten round start at St. Nick's Arena in New York and was held to a draw by Tony DeCola. Collins' record now is 24 victories, 1 draw and 3 losses. Many observers felt Collins deserved the duke over DeCola.

Earlier, Collins earned the St. Nick's main event with a sensational knockout victory over Billy Bartels at the Garden. Billy got off the canvas twice in the first round and halted Bartels in the fifth round.

▶**BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . .** The sport lost a friend recently when former judge Bill Appleton passed away at the age of 71 years old. Bill was appointed to the post of judge in 1950 by Commissioner Floyd Stevens and served until recently when illness forced his resignation. . . . Plans to promote weekly club shows at the Fairgrounds by the Olympic Stadium Corp., have failed to materialize.

▶Wilfie Greaves lost his British Empire middleweight title when he was halted by Dick Tiger at Edmonton, Ala., at 1:20 of the ninth round. Five months earlier at the same site, Greaves had gained the title with a fifteen round decision over Tiger. . . . Vastly improved Chuck Taylor halted Harlow Erwin at 1:02 of the second round in a feature bout at Chicago's Marigold Gardens. It was Taylor's sixth KO in his last seven starts.

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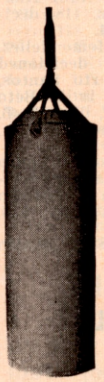

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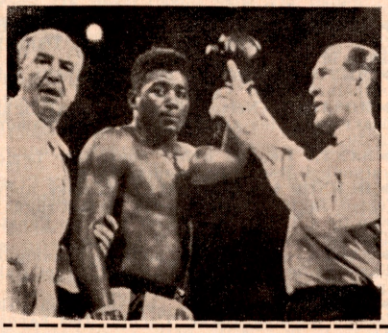

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

DURING DECEMBER, THE NUMBER OF SHOWS WAS REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM IN MEXICO. This was due to the holiday season which included a series of typical Mexican parties, Christmas and the New Year's Eve. Results were as follows:

▶ Hilario Morales, 147, decisioned Enrique Esqueda, 146, in 10. Adolfo Olguin, 135, decisioned Venancio Hernandez, 132, in 8. Rafael Ayala, 118, decisioned Gelacio Perez, 117, in 6. Fram Cardoso, 112, stopped Saul Torres Jr., 111, in 3. Goyo Torres, 112, decisioned Beto Romero, 112, in 4.

▶ Antonio Sanchez, 135, stopped Enrique Castillo, 133, in 9. Memo Ramirez, 131, decisioned Victorio Guzman, 135, in 8. Fernando Garcia, 125, and Valentin Medina, 128, drew in 6. Bernabe Escobar, 125, stopped Panchito Espinosa, 128, in 6. Luis Ramirez, 118, stopped Guillermo Garrido, 121, in 4.

▶ Caluca Rios, 135, stopped Chihuahua Perez, 136, in 9. Enrique Camarena, 135, decisioned Canguro Araujo, 134, in 8. Fili Hernandez, 118, stopped Chamaco Huesca, 119, in 2. Amado Banos, 135, stopped Aurelio Lazcano, 135, in 2. Enrique Gonzalez, 118, stopped Mateo Gomez, 117, in 2.

▶ Chato Cadena, 134, stopped Gabriel Navarro, 133, in 4. Kuino Gonzalez, 139, decisioned Anselmo Najera, 150, in 8. Arturo Macias, 151, stopped Hector Cruz, 146, in 2. Panchito Ramirez, 126, stopped Raul Anahuac, 128, in 1. Felix Hernandez, 118, decisioned Augustin Molina, 118, in 4.

▶ Alex Jimenez, 118, decisioned Memo Tellez, 119, in 10. Tono Aguirre, 126, decisioned Miguel Rojas, 125, in 8. Humberto Santos, 118, stopped Juan Molina, 117, in 1. Beto Salas, 117, and Osito Galvan, 117, drew in 6. Jose Jimenez, 118, decisioned Pancho Segura, 118, in 4.

▶ Jose Luis Valdez, 124, decisioned Lauro Garcia, 123, in 10. Enrique Garcia, 119, decisioned Juancito Lopez, 118, in 8. Benito Aguila, 119, decisioned Victor Aguilar, 116, in 6.

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NEWS FROM VENEZUELA

By William Albert

A CARD PROMOTED BY RAFITO CEDENO IN MARACAIBO. Ramon Arias, 112, won a unanimous ten rounds decision over Mexican Edmundo Esparza, 112.

▶ Cruz Arvelo, 128, scored another important triumph, defeating Jose Castellanos, 127, in ten rounds. Arvelo, top challenger for title of Tony Padron, downed Castellanos once.

Valmore Anez, 130, halted Juan Lopez in five rounds. Julio Florido kayoed Marcos Rojas in six rounds.

Fernando Ramirez also won by a KO over veteran Antonio Kirso in one round. They are bantamweights. Ruben Valladares lost to Gato Mendez in eight rounds (lightweights).

FROM MONTIVIDEO

By Mario LaPlume

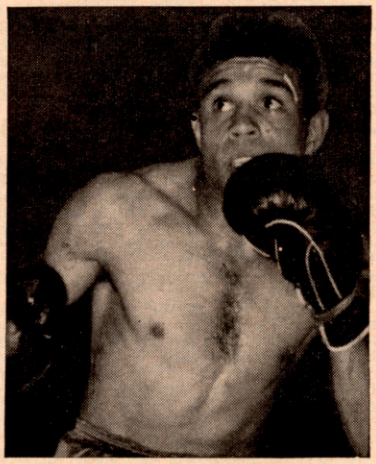
PALACIO PENAROL.—Eduardo Vidal kayoed Roberto Gallardo in 4. Mario Suarez drew with Carlos Goyano in 8. Gualberto Fernandez drew with Eduardo Zalazar in 8. Jupiter Mansilla kayoed Giacomo Spano in 3. Gate Receipts: $20,767.50 (U.S. $1,883).

▶ **Palacio Penarol.**—Rolando Senatore Tkayoed Eduardo Alamara in 3. Federal Magarinos drew with Jose Carbone in 8. Santos Pereyra outpointed Abelardo Sire in 10. Gate Receipts: $32,932 (U.S. $2,985).

▶ **Palacio Penarol.**— Celmiro Rios kayoed Emilio Avila in 4. Miguel Rodriguez decisioned Omar Astudillo in 10. Gate Receipts: $3,791.50 (U.S. $345).

▶ **Palacio Penarol.**—Pedro Casco decisioned Quintino Soares in 6. Amaro Millar decisioned Felipe Rodriguez in 8. Demetrio Carbajal Tkayoed Nelson Enrique in 2. Gate Receipts: $4,448. (U.S. $403).

▶ **Palacio Penarol.**—Rolando Senatore decisioned Rogelino Luna in 6. Julio Rocha decisioned Oscar Fernandez in 6. Gualberto Fernandez Tkayoed Roberto Fiorenze in 3. Ruben Villar Tkayoed Amorindo Amicuzzi in 9. Gate Receipts: $4,068 (U.S. $369).



Sebastiao Nascimento, the new Brazilian lightweight king, who proved his ability when he scored a two round knockout over former world champion Lauro Sales last month. The 23 years old battler has lost but once in 22 pro bouts and has scored five kayos.

BOXING IN ARGENTINE

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

TUCUMAN.—In the welter bout Antonio Rivera won by a T.K.O. in nine over Americo Godoy. In the same night and in the same division Emilio Ale Ali kayoed Abelardo Rosales in the third.

▶ **LA PLATA.**—In the bantam division, Marcelo Avila won by a T.K.O. in nine over Ursino Bernal.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—Edgardo Quiroga outpointed J. Gonzalez Neira in the feather class in eight and in the welter division, Pedro Almagro drew in 10 with Miguel Angel Aguero, local champion in a non-title bout.

In "Sur" stadium Raul Monzon and Ramon Espinosa, drew in 10. They are middles.

▶ **MENDOZA.**—In the lightheavy division, Jose Manzur kayoed Horacio Ferrar in three.

▶ **TEMPERLEY.**—In the feather class, Victorio Cespedes won by disqualification in fourth over Angel Bustos.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In flyweight class bout, Argentine champion Carlos Rodriquez, outpointed Jupiter Manseilla, Uruguay champion in 10.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—Argentine feather champion Angel Gamboa, outpointed Carlos Estrada in 10.

▶ **TEMPERLEY.**—In the welter class, Juan Campos won by a T.K.O. in nine, over Pedro Guevara.

▶ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—Antonio Murano, light local champion, outpointed Carlos Cappella in 10.

▶ **SAN JUAN.**—In the lightheavyweight division, Jovito Arregui won on points in 10, over Miguel Rodriquez.

▶ **SANTA ROSA (Chaco).**—In the middle class, Igacio Magallanes and Hugo Danielli, drew in 10.

▶ **MENDOZA.**—In light bout, Vicente Derado outpointed Raul Vargas in 10.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—Nelson Poccione, local lightheavy champion outpointed Gregorio Samora in 10.

▶ **SANTA FE.**—In welter bout, Jose Lemos outponted Roque dos Santos in 8.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In the light class, undefeated Santos "Joe" Pereyra from Uruguay, won by a T.K.O. in six over Osvaldo Canete. This fight was the last of Canete.

▶ **SALTA.**—Argentine middle champion Farid Salim, kayoed Sixto Tiselli, from Italy in six.

▶ **CATAMARCA.**—Good prospect in the feather division, Oscar "Cachin" Daz kayoed Abelardo Sire, from Chile in three and in lightweight bout, Juan B. Sosa drew in 10 with Gustavo Montenegro.

▶ **TARTAGAL.**—In the welter division, Anibal Reyes won by a T.K.O. in six over Martin Aguero and in the same division, Antonio Rivera kayoed Miguel Perez in 3.

▶ **SAN LUIS.**—In bantam bout, Santiago Joseff outpointed Miguel A. Herrera in 10.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In a sensational fight, Juan Carlos Rivero outpointed Andres Selpa, ex-Argentine and Southamerican middle champion in 10. Selpa was on the canvas twice.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—In welter contest, Juan C. Juncos won by a T.K.O. n the first round over Ernesto Juarez.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—In welter bout, Angel Ahumada drew in 10 with Alfredo Paz.—(For the local title.—Ahumada in the champ.)

▶ **VILLA MERCEDES.**—Alfredo Pena outpointed Juan Sibona in 10. They are lightweights.

▶ **SAN LUIS.**—In lightheavyweight bout, Omar Tissora outpointed Alejandro Gallardo in 10.

▶ **TUCUMAN.**—In Concepcion city, Antonio Deleo and Ricardo Toledo, drew in 10 in welter class bout.

▶ **TEMPERLEY.**—Miguel Angel Botta, Panametican champion n Chicago n 1959 and Argentine representative in Olympic Games of Rome 1960, won by disqualification in nine over Sixto J. Figueroa.

▶ **MENDOZA.**—In lightheavyweight bout, Jose Manzur drew in 10 with Alfredo Vacanto.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—In feather contest, Alfredo Bunetta and Ernesto Martinsen, drew in 10 rounds.

▶ **TUCUMAN.**—For the local welter title, Juan Carlos Velardez outpointed Emilio Ale Ali in 10 and retained his title.

▶ **BERAZATEGUI.**—In the middle class, Benjamin Gallo kayoed Juan Alessio in the fifth.

▶ **SAN JUAN.**—In the feather division, Julio Catalini outpointed Raul Jaime in 10.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—Good prospect Ricardo Falech won by a T.K.O. in the fifth over Roberto Chetta. They are welters.

▶ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In middle class bout, Ubaldo Sacco outpointed Esteban Caprani in 10.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring,** and for the Argentine fly title, Carlos Rodriguez, the champ, outpointed Demetrio Carabajal in 10.

▶ **MENDOZA.**—In light bout, Guillermo Cano won by a T.K.O. in the third over Juan Iriarte.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—Leandro Pereyra outpointed Lorenzo Loza in 8. They are feathers.

▶ **SAN JUAN.**—In feather bout, Raul Vargas won by a T.K.O. in the seventh over Ricardo Miranda.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—Welter weight Juan Carlos Juncos won by a T.K.O. in first over Juan De Lujan Flores.

▶ **SANTA FE.**—In heavyweight bout, Francisco Negrone lost by a K.O. in three to Roberto Lopez.

▶ **MALAVER.**—In the middle class, Ignacio Magallanes won by a T.K.O. in six over Roberto Carabajal.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—In La Carlota city, welters Juan Campos and Alfredo Paz drew in 10.

▶ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In middle division bout, Mario Tarzetti outpointed Aurelio Diaz in 10.

▶ **LUNA PARK** Stadium was closed from December 24 to January 13 for Christmas and New Year holidays.

▶ **LA PAZ (Bolivia).**—Feather weight Cornelio Yapura won by a T.K.O. in the seventh round over Hector Caballero.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—Vicente Vezzoni, local feather champion won by a T.K.O. in the third over Nildo Peralta.

▶ **ROMA (Italy).**—Argentine bantam champ Ernesto Miranda won by a T.K.O. over Giussepe Pedigghe.

▶ **MONTEVIDEO (Uruguay).**—In light bout, Ruben Villar won by a T.K.O. in nine over Amorimdo Amicuzzi (Argentine).

▶ **SANTIAGO DE CHILE.**—In the feather class, Roberto Lobos, local champion outpointed Oscar Vargas (Argentine) in 10.

▶ **MONTEVIDEO (Uruguay).**—Fly weight Demetrio Carbajal (Argentine) won by a T.K.O. in the second round over Nelson Enrique.

BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G

MERIDA, YUC: In his first fight in Yucatan, Carlos "Marinero" Celis, 127, of Mexico City, decisioned Luis Quijano, 127, in 10 rounds. Juanito Miranda, 122, won on a technical knockout over Nany Kid (Adriano Lozano), 128, of Campeche, when the latter suffered a cut eye—in the fourth round. Manolo Ortiz, 115, outpunched Zurdo Salazar, 114, in 6. Rafael "Rocky" Galera, 122, defeated Pepe el Toro, 118, in four and Mosco Valencia, 124, TKO'd Joe Chavarria, 123, in the third.

▶ **MERIDA, YUC:** Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 120, suffered a technical knockout at the hands of Juanito Miranda, 122. The bout finished in the fifth round when the referee called a halt.

Ariel Rios, 113; just out of the Golden Gloves, made his first pro appearance and outboxed Pastor Medina, 113, in six. Rach Camara, 108, scored a 5th round TKO over Gil Martinez, 107. Kid Papas (Victor Mar-

tinez), 120, won from Kid Orizaba, 121, in a 6-rounder. Ariel Palma, 107, nailed Baby Valdez, 107, in the 4th and Manuel Sosa, 119, whipped William Briceno, 118, in 4.

▶**MERIDA, YUC:** Carlos "Marinero" Celis, 127, scored a 10th round TKO over Miguel "Mike" Hernandez, 127. Their affair was halted due to a badly gashed eyebrow. Negrito Vela, 121, won another match at Merida, TKO'ing Ramon "Gordo" Orozco, 125, in the fifth round.

Manolo Ortiz, 116, won by disqualification over Baby Albornoz, 118, of Ciudad del Carmen, in the third and Rafael "Rocky" Galera, 123, took a decision from Pepe el Toro, 120, in 4 for second time in a month.

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BOXING IN JAMAICA

By Gillie Campbell

ANOTHER LOCAL RECORD WAS SET HERE AS THERE WERE TWO SHOWS IN KINGSTON WITHIN THREE DAYS. Veteran promoter Puckoo DeSouza was forced to put back his card due to the late arrival of Roger Harvey, champion of Bermuda, for his welter fight with Gerald Grey, who recently regained the local crown. The fight was full of action as Grey showed that he had regained most of his old lustre and pounded out a unanimous decision over 10 rounds. Harvey proved a willing fighter but was unable to avoid the steady attack of lefts maintained by Grey throughout.

In the other fights Kid Bassey decisioned Lloyd Barnett in a lightweight 8 rounder, Rupert Bentley won in 6 from O. P. Campbell (middleweights), and Walter Williams was outpointed by Tony Barnes in a welter 6.

▶Promoter Lloyd Hosang substituted Kid Bassey in place of Bunny Grant, the lightweight champion, for a 10 rounder against Keiffer Edwards. Grant was scheduled to give Edwards a chance at regaining the title but succeeded in gaining a cancellation on the grounds that he was not fit and needed a rest. Bassey proceeded to steal the show and won a clear decision over the former champion. Edwards clearly has not recovered from his inactivity and Bassey's fitness and speed and his tactic of keepng in a constant circle away from Edwards' powerful right kept him safe through without being caught by any serious blows. Barbadian Billy Greaves lost to Hart Grant in a welter contest of 8. Percy Hayles defeated Julito Lopez, the Dominican lightweight champion, in 10, and Wesley Hines kayoed Young Roy in 2.

THAT THE BEST WINE IS ALWAYS KEPT FOR THE LAST, was proved here when the veteran promoter, Puckoo DeSouza, staged an all-star card at George VI park in Kingston in the final weeks of 1960. Though a championship bout between lightweight title holder Bunny Grant and challenger Percy Hayles featured, the preliminary bout in which Julito Lopez, champion of Dominica, kayoed Roy Glaze in the opening round was the highlight.

Rudolph Bent won the unanimous decision in a ten rounder over middleweight Rupert Bentley. Roger Harvey defeated Charley Baker by a majority decision.

In the feature, Hayles, with only one ten round bout on his record sheet and with a reputation for tiring in the early rounds, fought a well paced battle to give Champion Grant his toughest fight locally. Grant kept his title via a draw decision. Each of the three officials gave a different verdict thus causing quite a commotion with the fight fans.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

DECEMBER WAS A POOR BOXING MONTH around this Cotton Land because of holiday parties. However, we had two boxing shows during the period: one at Arena Olimpica of Gomez Palacio, and the other in the little Club of neighbor Ciudad Lerdo. The results.

▶**ARENA "OLIMPICA"**—Gomez Palacio:—Mexico City newcomer Hilario España, 132, was too rough and strong for Claudio "Lobito" Adame, 128. At the end of the ten heats, Officials declared the bout a draw. The fans booed the verdict.

Jorge Gonzalez, 127, decisioned Vincente "Pichon" Ramirez, 128, in ten rounds; Beto Martinez, 128, bested Memin Rangel, 132, in eight; sensational kid Joe Valenzuela, 116, kayoed Adan Sifuentes, 118, in the second heat and Lupe Briones, 117, iced Carlos Sifuentes, 117, in the first round.

▶**ARENA "LERDO"**, Ciudad Lerdo:—Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 144, kayoed young Gonzalo Rubio, 136, in four rounds. Jesus Segovia, 123, halted Gustavo Ohm, 126, in the tenth round. "Chamaco" Lopez, 122, bested Manolo Gonzalez, 125, in eight rounds.

▶**LEON:**—Hilario España, 134, Mexico City milk boy, stopped "Gallito" Flores, 132, in the third round. Glorious Kid Azteca was the referee. Jose Luis Mendez, 123, kayoed Pancho Figueroa, 125, in seven rounds.

▶**MANTE:**—Joe Chamaco, 122, halted "Papelero" Rodriguez, 118, in the fifth heat, Manuel Esparza, 126, decisioned Nicolas Badillo, 129, in the 10-round semi-final.

▶**PUEBLA:**—Gustavo Sosa, 121, outscored Jose "Monito" Luna, 117, after ten slow rounds. Chucho Romero, 117, knocked out Panchito Gonzalez, 117, in the sixth round.

▶**PUEBLA:**—Nacho Duran, 111, kayoed Carlos Solis, 112, in four rounds. David Gomez, 125, stopped "Tarzan" Hernandez, 123, in the second round.

▶**SAN BUENAVENTURA:**—Chuy Guerrero, 118, easily whipped Victor Manuel Rodriguez, 117, in ten. Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 128, LaLaguna, bested Hector Ramirez, 130, also in ten. Arturo Vazquez, 115, decisioned "Pollito" Uribe, 111, in ten.

▶**CULIACAN:**—Mario Diaz, 126, outpointed Fino Rosales, 125, in ten.

▶**ACAPULCO:**—"Chatito" Ochoa, 119, Colima, beat "Pollero" Garcia, 122, Acapulco, in the 10-round main event. Chucho Castañeda, 114, kayoed Victor Aguilar, 115, in eight. "Zorrito" Castañon, 123, decisioned Agapito Candelas, 124, after eight rounds.

▶**AGUASCALIENTES:**—Fidel Alfaro, 116, stopped Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 117, in the third. Angel "Negro" Flores, 129, defeated Abel Hurtado, 126, in ten. Marcelo Gonzalez, 126, kayoed such "Tigre" Flores, 127, in the seventh round.

▶**CUERNAVACA:**—Jorge "Mosco" Martinez, 109, outscored "Raton" Trejo, 110, in 12 well fought rounds to gain Morelos State Flyweight Championship. In the 10-round semi, "Filipino" Vargas, 128, got the duke over Gabriel Martinez, 130.

▶**CIUDAD VICTORIA:**—The frontier tornado, little Carlos Hernandez, 118, whipped experienced Evaristo "Cuervo" Salinas, 117, during the full 10-round route. Chuy Rodriguez Espinosa, 117, decisioned Gaby Beltran, 117, in other tenner. "Kuino" Gonzalez, 137, stopped Jacinto Torres, 135, in the third heat.

▶**REYNOSA:**—Chucho Hernandez, 115, Mexico City, kayoed "Pulga" Sanchez, 116, in the fifth heat. Paco Camarena, 126, bested Miguel Hernandez, 128, in ten.

▶**OBREGON:**—Davey Moore, 128, Featherweight King of the world, kayoed Rudy Corona, 126, in the seventh round. "Texano" Hurtado, 148, iced such Indio Jeronimo, 150, in eight.

▶**GUASAVE:**—High ranked Ignacio "Zurdo" Piña, 117, halted Danny Medrano, 120, in the eighth round. Daniel Aniebas, 126, kayoed Paulino Nuñez, 127, in nine.

▶**ACAPULCO:**—Felix Padilla, 110, got the 12-round duke over Babe Lopez, 111, and he gained the Guerrero State Flyweight title. "Charro" Gomez, 118, bested "Osito" Galvan, 116, in ten rounds.

▶**MONTERREY:**—Local prospect Jose "Joe" Lopez, 126, decisioned experienced Alberto Soto, 125, in ten rounds. "Güero" DeLeon, 133, kayoed Jim Lopez, 135, in six.

▶**GUADALAJARA:**—Alberto Martinez, 127, decisioned Rigo Guadarrama, 128, in ten heats. Guadarrama boy used to fight also under the name of "Queretaro Kid". Anselmo Hernandez, 125, whipped Henry Macias, 125, in other tenner.

▶**COYUCA:**—Santos Marin, 118, decisioned Patricio Noriega, 118, in ten.

▶**PUEBLA:**—Bernardo Perez, 109, decisioned challenger Nacho Duran, 110 in twelve rounds to keep his Puebla Flyweight belt. Tony Sanchez, 135, kayoed "Muralla" Zamora, 132, in seven. "Casanovita" Arroyo, 118, upset Carlos Solis, 115, in ten.

▶**SABINAS:**—Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 130, kayoed Panchito Villa II, 127, in the third round. Victor Torres, 134, and Cecilio Zaratua 137, drew in ten. Leoncito Armendariz, 117, bested Panchito Hernandez, 117, also in ten.

▶**REYNOSA:**—"Pulga" Garcia, 118, stopped Nacho Flores, 117, in the third round. Alfonso Sosa, 123, kayoed Kid Gallardo, 122, in four.

▶**CUERNAVACA:**—Jorge Frikas, 147, stopped Alfonso Molina, 146, in the first round. Beto Aponte, 127, kayoed Enrique Merios, 128 in three.

▶**MONTERREY:**—Veteran Humberto Martinez "Kid Anahuac", 135, started as a lightweight and he easily whipped Cuban Santiago Ramirez, 134, in ten. Juan Perales, 124, defeated Memo Ruiz, 121 in ten.

▶**ACAPULCO:**—Alex Arenas 134, kayoed "Chico" Rodriguez, 133, in the eighth. Ernesto Beltran, 125, defeated Nicolas Sanchez, 126, in ten.

▶**CULIACAN:**—Juanito Ramirez, 126, National Feather Champ, scored a 6-round kayo triumph over Melchor Contreras, 130.

▶**GUADALAJARA:**—David Cervantes, 147, easily decisioned Silvestre Villarreal, 148, in ten. "Venadito" Lopez, 124, kayoed Ruben Ramirez, 126, in eight.

▶**AGUASCALIENTES:** — Rugged Rafael "Torito" Mota, 117, stopped Juan Sanchez, 118, in the seventh. Joe Velazquez, 124, won by disqualification over "Negro" Garcia, 123, in the seventh.

▶**JUAREZ:**—Veteran Eusebio "Chebo" Hernandez, 162, Middleweight Champion of Mexico, outscored Tony Montano, 164, Arizona, in ten.

▶**CUERNAVACA:** — Ernesto "Grillo" Duran, 118, iced Yaco Martinez, 117, in the third.

▶**REYNOSA:**—Carlos Hernandez, 118, the classy little frontier kid, scored a good triumph when he easily whipped Danny Kid, Philippine top notcher, in ten rounds. "Pollo" Gabiño, 123, kayoed "Chato" Soriano, 124, in the sixth. "Chamaco" Perez, 125, beat "Pulga" Serrano, 122, in ten. Chuy Pruneda, 118, decisioned Chuy Rodriguez Espinosa, 117, in six.

▶**MONTERREY:**—Juan Ibares, 119, Acapulco, beat "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 121, in ten. Julio Zuñiga, 128, decisioned "Ardilla" Garcia, 126, in 10-round.

▶**ACAPULCO:**—"Chivete" Martinez, 116, got the duke over "Chico" Jasso, 117, in ten. Rafael Ayala, 123, whipped "Zorrito" Castañon, 124, in eight.

▶**MAZATLAN:**—Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, 128, high ranked feather, scored a split ten round decision over wise veteran Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 130. Joe Gonzalez, 127, kayoed Joaquin Zamora, 125, in the third round.

▶**GUADALAJARA:**—Rudy Cordonado, 126, Jalisco State Feather Champion, was booed when he got the ten round decision over "Chilo" Barranco 125, Mexico City. Babe Reyes, 137, upset Jesus Celes, 139, in ten. Juanito Lopez, 130, stopped Gabriel Brambila, 132, in three.

▶**SAN BUENAVENTURA:** — Sensational newcomer Jose Luis Cruz, 125, scored a 5-round knock out over fatso Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 124, LaLaguna. Chuy Guerrero, 118, surprised when he kayoed favorite Nacho Escalante, 117, former National Flyweight King, in the fifth. Frank Montellanos, 125, stopped "Zurdo" Acuña, 127, in the third.

▶**TONALA:**—Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 134, former National Lightweight Champion, halted "Cubanito" Gonzalez, 130, in the fifth. "Pichi" Martinez, 124, stopped "Chamaco" Garcia, 123, in three.

▶**CULIACAN:**—Beto Gerardo, 145, iced Ramon Gastelum, 138, in the fourth round. Wina Vingochea, 120, knocked out cool Memo Vega, 122, in the tenth round.

THE NAME, PLEASE

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sey Billy Wells, Bingo (for Binghamton) Joe Banovic and Allentown Johnny Leonard.

One of the current middleweight headliners, British Empire champion Dick Tiger, was born Dick Ihetu. When he began fighting in his native Nigeria, his crouching, leaping style was likened to that of a tiger; hence his ring alias.

It was Bill Shakespeare who first queried: "What's in a name?" We wouldn't know, but we do know that a clout on the chin by Josef Paul Kukauskaus would have been just as effective as one landed by former heavyweight champion "Jack Sharkey." They were the same guy.

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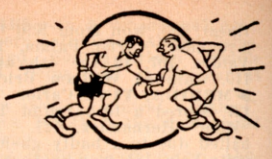


By BILL MILLER

HARD-WORKING, tireless John Hall, of the MIRROR, comes up with some interesting year's-end figures on boxing during the past year, thereby saving your correspondent a lot of dreary research labor. For which we are very grateful, being as lazy as the next guy.

There were six world title battles staged in Southern California during 1960, and fighters were imported from all points of the compass: Thailand, Japan, Argentina, Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil, France and—of course!—Mexico.

The year witnessed the exit of Golden Guy Art Aragon; the ruination of Battling Torres and Mauro Vazquez, two terrific drawing cards in their heydey.

The Olympic Auditorium combo, Cal and Aileen Eaton and Matchmaker Parnassus, staged 78 ring shows for a gross income of $794,404. A new record for gate receipts was set at the L. A. Coliseum on February 4th: Jose Becerra-Alphonse Halimi and Carlos Ortiz-Battling Torres. This show grossed $383,080, far and away the biggest in California history; the biggest gate, in fact, ever drawn this side of Chicago.

The middleweight title fight between Gene Fullmer and Sugar Ray Robinson, staged December 3 at the Sports Arena, grossed $227,510. Largest single purse of the year went to Fullmer: $80,574. Lightweight champ Joe Brown got $40,000 for his win over Andrade, and Sugar Ray wasn't far behind with a paycheck of $39,207.

Here are the top L.A. gates for 1960:

DATE	FIGHT	Gross Gate
2/4	Becerra-Halimi, Ortiz-Torres	$383,080
12/3	Fullmer-Robinson	227,510
10/28	Brown-Andrade	53,705
7/16	Andrade-Torres	29,700
4/7	Rodriguez-Gutierrez	29,240
11/18	Jofre-Sanchez	29,000
4/21	Hernandez-Urbina	21,500
1/21	Gutierrez-Aragon	17,047
9/22	Kingpetch-Perez	13,200
8/18	Jofre-Medel	9,997

Outstanding knockouts: Becerra over Halimi; Andrade over Battling Torres, and Jofre over Sanchez.

But year's-end also found Los Angeles without a single outstanding drawing-card. Maybe 1961 may produce one or two!

Hustlin', bustlin' Lou Thomas, currently staging bi-monthly boxing shows at Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco, gets out an interesting little booklet, the "National Boxing News", which serves in lieu of a program.

A recent issue contained some informative items—they were news to me, anyway. . . . Leon Meyer, veteran sports scribe and long-time publicist, died of a heart attack. . . . Henry Armstrong is back in St. Louis, his old stamping-ground, and now trains Virgil Akins and Jesse Bowdry. . . . Ben "The Bandit" Medina drew a $4,600 gate in Fresno when he knocked out Art Ramponi there. . . . Young Corbett III has made a terrific comeback in health following very severe injuries in an auto accident quite a few years ago. . . . That was of particular interest to this writer, inasmuch as I publicized the fight on February 22, 1933, when he won the world welterweight title from Jackie Fields at Seals Stadium . . . as well as the fight, six weeks later, when Corbett lost the crown to Jimmy McLarnin at Wrigley Field, L. A.

▶ Youthful Teddy Rand, 127½—he's only 21—scored the unanimous decision over Pulga Serrano, Tijuana, also 127½, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. The affair was locally televised.

It was the 12th pro start for Rand, and his tenth victory. The lad continues to improve with every start.

The scoring speaks for itself in clarion accents: Referee Frankie Van, 9–0; Judge John Thomas, 9–1; and Judge Russ Bradford, 9–1.

In the six-round semi, Eddie Alvarado, 118 decisioned Cesar Sanchez, 119 in a Pier Six brawl. The four-spots: Beto Maldonado, 126, dec. Solly Klein, 130; Raul Munoz, 139, KO (4) over Jerry Pena, 139; and Walt Turner, 154, KO (2) over Jimmy Smith, 157.

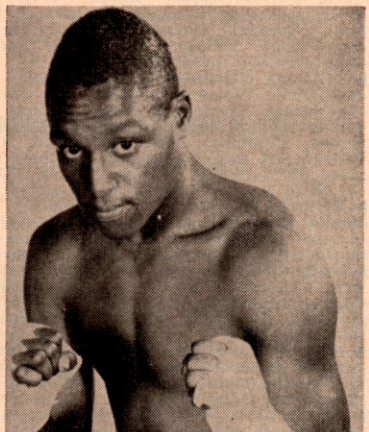
▶ Apparently everyone who saw the Sugar Ray Robinson-Gene Fullmer fight, via television, thought the Sugar-man had won by a mile. Many ringsiders, however, (myself included) didn't see it that way. The camera didn't register Fullmer's hard body smashes.

▶ Under the heading of "Good News" comes the report from across the border that the Mexican Federation of Boxing Commissions has voted to end its boycott of Mexican fighters participating in California.

▶ It came through the mails, just before Xmas—a letter from my old friend Freddie Amoroso, Sr., of Oakand. It was addressed to me, described on the envelope as "The Great Sports Writer", in spite of which the Postoffice Department let it go through. I am grateful for the undeserved compliment, so let me quote a couple of sentences:

"I am now booking the most funniest and good fighter Alan (High Hat Clown) Moore. . . . He wears his High Hat down the street and into the ring which is a good show and will draw the fight fans into the arena to see him fight."

I don't know how much of an attraction a High Hat will prove to be, but I hope for Freddie's sake that it packs 'em in.



Langston Calhoun Morgan, known to boxing admirers as L. C. Morgan, notched his 26th kayo in 40 professional fights when he belted Frankie Ramirez into the black void in the third round at the Olympic Auditorium.

▶ Speaking of the Great Ring Probe, which everybody was doing there a while back when the Kefauver Committee was interviewing the high, the low and the middlemen of boxing, I must confess that the honorable gents failed to disclose much that was not a matter of common knowledge. And had been for years.

But there come to mind the Black Sox scandal in baseball; the basketball investigation, in which quite a flock of college players were found guilty of practices unbecoming etc. etc.; the open secret that amateur tennis players earn more than some of the pros; the subsidies granted to football players in many colleges, etc. etc.

However, the crowning insult came when a wrestler, a well known grunt and groaner, wrote a letter to a Los Angeles paper excoriating "fixed fights". He raised his hands in pious horror, so to speak, and that's when I went out into the garden to fume.

▶ Like it says in the Good Book: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone"—or words to that effect.

This does not excuse skullduggery in boxing, of course. But I detest these "holier than thou" guys who make with a sanctimonious t'sk, t'sk, t'sk in discussing the evils and vileness of boxing.

I'm trying to recall any single event, in any sport, pro or amateur, that grossed anywhere near the $2,658,000 drawn by the second Tunney-Dempsey fight in Chicago, back in 1927. Do you know of any?

▶ Old Duke Holloway, one of my favorite characters, gets a nice write-up in the L. A. Times. Interviewed by Art Ryon, Duke said: "I never drank or smoked until I was 44." Well, he admits to being between 60 and 70—just like Jack Kearns and Tommy Walsh.

But the Duke has done pretty good with cigars and whiskey in the intervening years. Made up for lost time, so to speak.

▶ Langston Calhoun Morgan, better known as plain L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, 143½, knocked out Frankie Ramirez, 144, a 31-year old with only 13 pro fights to his credit, in Round 3 at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. It was locally televised, drew about 1900 clients.

It was L. C.'s 26th K.O. in 40 pro wins.

In the six-round semi, a corker that attracted a silver shower, Nacho Mendoza, 117, won a split verdict over Abe Villa, 119. The fours: Solly Klwin, 129, dec. Beto Maldonado, 129½; Johnny Quintella, 136½, KO (2) over Jimmy Blackshear, 138; and Jimmy Fields, 140, dec. Walt Varez, 139½.

▶ My long-time friend, Tom Gallery, sports director of N.B.C. (and may his shadow never grow less!) thanks his lucky stars that he wasn't called to appear before the Kefauver Committee. As everyone knows, N.B.C. has dropped the weekly boxing shows on TV.

Tom goes back a long way in boxing. He was matchmaker at Hollywood Legion Stadium in the mid-Twenties, packed 'em in every week at $3. top. During the Thirties, he promoted most of the outdoor fights in Southern California, and was co-promoter with Mike Jacobs of the Joe Louis-Jack Roper title fight in '39.

▶ Johnny Conde, "Mayor of Main Street", and one of the most colorful local boxing characters, is dead at the age of 65. He played many bit parts in pictures, and was the door-man, or "puller-in" at the Main Street Gym. May he rest in peace.

▶ Among the many holiday geetings I received was a Happy Chanukah card from Tom Walsh of Chicago, now advance man for Abe Saperstein's Harlem Globetrotters. Tom admits that he's over 50, but now how much over.

When I accused him of being a veteran of the First Battle of Bull Run, Tome denied it vigorously. "It was the Second Battle of Bull Run", he confided.

Despite more than half a century in boxing, Walsh is still spry and sprightly, and hustles harder than man half his age.

▶ From San Francisco comes a U. P. I. yarn to the effect that Bill Nieder, Olympic and world shot-put champ, will play the role of Jack Dempsey in a movie to be called "The Boy from Colorado". Nieder is 6–3, weighs 240. Dempsey was 6–1, weighed less than 185 when he knocked out Jess Willard at Toledo in 1919.—Oh, well; let's not quibble. Later, Nieder says he'll probably do some pro boxing.

Welcome to the fold, William!

▶ A switch in dates at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. Henceforth, weekly boxing bouts will be staged on Thursday of each week instead of TV fights on Tuesday, regular weekly shows on Thursday. In future, one of the tens will be televised, but both main events will be staged on the same night, Thursday.

▶ George Parnassus returned from Brazil, where he had planned to co-promote that Eder Jofre-Alphonse Halimi bantam title fight in Sao Paulo, and informed one and all that this match will not go through unless and until M'sieu Halimi sees the light of day.

"The guy turned down a $45,000 guarantee", said George, plaintively. "And you know, I'm glad of it."

George went on to describe why he was glad.

It seems that Brazilian promoters can't charge a single sou, or cruzeiro, for televising an event. It can be put on only as a public service. Moreover, George stated that the prices of admission down there were much lower than those in Los Angeles, consequently he broke off negotiations with Halimi and flew back home.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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a battler as Carmen, a fighter whose pleasing performances over the years thrilled thousands on television and at the ringside. His skills have been lessened by Father Time and his inability to make the weight most suitable for him. Caught between the two, the most advisable solution is to retire now and live on his laurels.

The public would like best to think of the Carmen Basilio whose thrillers with Ray Robinson, Gil Turner, Tony De Marco, Art Aragon and Gene Fullmer among many others, made him a fistic hero and gained for him fame and fortune.

RUSSIA SETS PACE

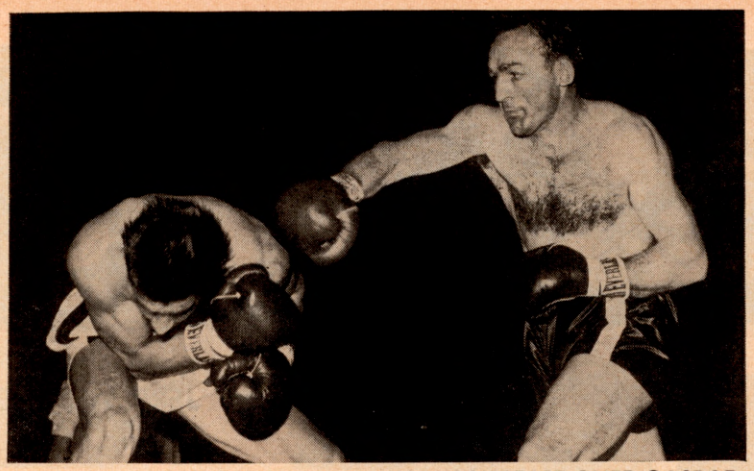
The National Intercollegiate Association, at its recent meeting, voted to abolish boxing championships in the United States. In England, the efforts of Dr. Summerskill to have the House of Lords pass a bill to kill boxing in the British Isles met with failure. In Belgium, the Senate again has a bill before it to make boxing illegal, and in our country many efforts have been made by men in the medical profession to have the sport outlawed.

Yet the country that we most fear, Communist Russia, reported a few weeks ago that 167,000 amateur boxers are enrolled in that country. This number is greater by thousands than all of the amateur and collegiate boxers in all other parts of the world and shows to what extent the Russian Government goes to make its youth physically fit. Boxing is part of its preparedness program. Championship matches are held in every community. What Russia is doing in this line should be an example for other nations, especially our country which, in World War I, made boxing a must in every Army camp as part of the physical fitness program before shipping our men over seas.

It is time that those who keep shouting "LET'S KILL BOXING" look at the good side of the sport instead of eyeing only the possibility of injuries and the influx of racketeers. It continues, despite all attacks to remain the most attractive TV sport as figures from the last Johansson-Patterson fight released by Tele-Prompter company prove.

Philosophical Library (15 E. 40th St., N. Y. City 16) has turned out a Dictionary of AMERICAN SPORTS that should be in the hands of every follower of athletics. Johnny Salak, a former editor of The Ring Magazine, has compiled more than 6000 terms covering major organized games on the college and professional level. Never before has any one attempted so gigantic a task. The book, 500 pages of interesting material, should be of tremendous help to those who write about sports or discuss them on radio and television programs.

Salak has accomplished a task that covered close to a year of research and covers a wide field. The book should be a must for sports followers. The price is $6.00. The book can be obtained through The Ring Book Shop.



IN GAINING A CLOSE BUT UNANIMOUS VERDICT OVER GASPAR ORTEGA AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, CARMEN BASILIO PROVED TWO THINGS. FIRST HE STILL HAS THE ABILITY TO CARRY A FIGHT AGAINST A FASTER AND YOUNGER FOE AND SECONDLY THAT HE IS STILL A GOOD BOX OFFICE ATTRACTION. THE LATTER IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE STATE OF BOXING, AS GATE ATTRACTIONS ARE SORELY NEEDED.

RATINGS

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Asis won over Marcing David, 10.

Roy Beaman stopped Albert Younsi, 2.

Chivete Martinez won from Chico Jasso, 10.

Danny Medrano won from Chilo Carranza, 8, but was stopped by Ignacio Pina, 8.

Pierre Rossi defeated Rene Dernoncourt, 10. Gene Aragon out-boxed Dommy Felicia, 8.

Angel Boy kayoed Orlando Medina, 7. Medina had kayoed Al Cantara, 1. Gustavo Sosa won over Monito Luna, 10. Len Reece defeated George O'Neill, 8. Joe Chamaco kayoed Papelero Rodriguez, 5. Enrique Garcia defeated Juanito Lopez, 8.

Pulga Garcia stopped Nacho Flores, 3. Charro Gomez whipped Osito Galvan, 10. Terry Crimmins bested Tommy Burgoyne, 6. Curly Aguirre kayoed Teo Castaneda, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Sadao Yaoita kayoed Kenji Inagaki, 1. Johnny Caldwell stopped Christan Marchand, 7. Ramon Arias decisioned Edmundo Esparza, 10.

Jupiter Mansilla kayoed Giacomo Spano, 3, but lost to Carlos Rodriguez, 10, while Carlos defeated Demetrio Carbajal, 12, Beto then kayoed Nelson Enrique, 2. Fidel Alfaro stopped Tuntun Torres, 3. Jean Guerard defeated Rene Libeer, 10. Chucho Hernandez kayoed Pulga Sanchez, 5. Felix Padilla outpointed Babe Lopez, 12.

Jorge Martinez decisioned Raton Trejo, 12. Vic Campo defeated Star Catalan, 10. Arturo Vazquez defeated Pollito Uribe, 10. Chucho Castaneda stopped Victor Aguilar, 8. Brian Cartwright defeated Eddie Barraclough, 6, and Dennis East, 8.

CUBAN NOTES

By Dr. Jarge Vieites

CUBAN SPORTS FOLLOWERS CONTINUE TO ENJOY THEIR BOXING MATCHES. The last fight program of the year staged drew a large gathering and the bouts were well received.

World's welterweight champion Benny (Kid) Paret was elected Cuba's Boxer of the Year. His winning of the crown from Don Jordan and retaining it in his bout with Federico Thompson, gained him the distinction.

Here is the last program of the year:

▶ **Havana:** Undefeated Cuban feathers King, Ultiminio (Sugar) Ramos, 130, scored a knockdown in the 7th, and finally a k. o. in 1.10 of the 9th over Mexican Sergio (Chato) Gomez, 132¾.

THE FIGHTING IRISH

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II had robbed Billy of his speed, his greatest asset.

The first Louis-Conn fight was a thriller. At the end of 12, Billy had a comfortable two round lead on the cards of all three officials. In the 13th he gambled a right hand. Louis' counter beat the punch, and Conn went down dead to the world.

"*What's the use of being Irish if you can't lose your head?*" asked Conn in explaining his mistake.

This is not intended to be a complete list of all the great Irish fighters. For one thing space does not permit. Not to be overlooked, however, is Johnny Kilbane, who won the featherweight crown from Abe Attell and held it for 11 years. Jack McAuliffe, the old time lightweight king, who was born in County Cork, was never beaten. Others to be remembered are James J. Corbett, who defeated John L.; Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, one of the early light-heavyweight champions, and in the long ago Prof. Mike Donovan.

James J. Braddock, ex-heavyweight champion, is remembered for his last fight, the one with Tommy Farr. Outpointed and apparently defeated at the end of eight, Jimmy turned to his seconds and said: "I'm going out and do the Big Apple."

He did, and as the Garden roared approval he punched Farr all over the ring. The decision at the end of 10 went to Braddock.

Gene Tunney, an Irish American, can let his record speak for him. He retired as the undefeated world heavyweight champion.

Pender stands at the end of the line, the last in a chain of great Irish fighters, mostly Americans.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THROUGH the years Philadelphia, long one of the nation's liveliest fight centers, has contributed a veritable army of notable performers to the ring wars, but it is doubtful if any one of them has enjoyed more personal and professional popularity than Johnny (Unk) Russell, who died recently at the age of 74.

Russell flourished during the first decade of the century. Available records credit him with 108 bouts in six years, but fighters' records weren't kept too meticulously in those days, and it is generally believed that Unk's actual total was nearer to 150. He fought so often that even he probably had difficulty keeping tabs on his industrious activity. He was constantly in demand not only in his native Philadelphia but throughout the East. A lightweight, Unk often went out of his class to swap punches with welterweights and even middleweights. A few pounds more or less meant nothing to that Irishman.

The late Billy McCarney managed Russell, and some years ago we did a piece for The Ring on the Ol' Perfessor and how he happened to get hold of Unk. It was an entertaining tale, and worth repeating.

"It's back around Christmas, 1904," said McCarney, "and I'm running a show in Philadelphia. It looks like a flop, artistically and financially. The weather is cold and miserable, and the big barn we're using for an arena is packed with vast emptiness. To make matters worse, only a few of the scheduled fighters show up.

"Small crowd or not, I'm going ahead with the show. I'm looking over the few customers, hoping maybe I can spot a fighter or two, when this tough looking kid comes up to me and says he paid his way in, and if he doesn't see any fights, he'll start a couple of his own.

"Well, it's any old port in a storm. I don't know this kid, but I'm desperate, so I tell him to run along to the dressing room. I don't even think to ask him if he has any ring equipment with him. But that's a minor detail. I keep hustling around the joint, hunting for other fighters, and when I suddenly pause in my hunt, I look toward the ring and there's this kid. For trunks, he is wearing long winter underwear, held together with a safety pin. He doesn't seem to care who his opponent is, but it makes no difference. He just walks out, starts pegging away with both hands, and flattens the other guy in a hurry.

"He makes no effort to leave the ring. Instead, he looks the joint over and spots me.

"'Hey!' he yells, 'Bring on the next one.'

"The upshot is that he belts out the next guy, too, and saves the show."

"UNK" TO WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD

"The kid seems surprised when I pay him off. He cannot understand why good Irishmen should be paid for fighting. He thinks they battle for the hell of it, and it's a pleasure. But I convince him that a kid who can handle his fists as well as he can pick up a lot of money making a business, as well as a pleasure, of fighting. I ask him his name and where he lives. He tells me it is Johnny Russell, and he lives in West Ph ly.

"The next day I go hunting for him. The neighborhood is loaded with all sorts of Russells, mostly kids scampering around the streets. But nobody seems to know who Johnny is.

"I finally drop into the firehouse. No, they don't know of any Johnny Russell either. I describe him as best I can. It must be a pretty fair description. Eyes start lighting up with recognition.

"'Oh,' says one guy, 'you must mean Unk.'

"'I must mean WHO?' I ask.

"'Unk,' he repeats, and gives me the address I'm looking for.

"It develops that Johnny has a flock of older brothers and sisters living in the neighborhood, most of 'em married. As folks believe in big families in those days, Johnny has a mob of nephews and nieces running around. To them, he is just Unk.

"Anyway, I catch up with Johnny—er, Unk—and he becomes one of the toughest lightweights in the business. He's an exciting, all-action fighter and a big favorite at the many clubs operating in Philly in those days. Actually, he doesn't ever have to leave the town. In his first year, he crowds in no less than forty-six fights, all but one in Philly. I get to thinking, however, that it's selfish letting only his home town enjoy Unk; why not give other folks a chance? So we branch out and make occasional trips to New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and some of the other spots, and Unk becomes just as popular there as he is in Philadelphia. How that guy loved to fight!"

SILENT MARTIN PASSES

Being a deaf-mute wasn't much of a handicap to Tom (Silent) Martin, about as durable a middleweight as the ring knew back around the World War I era. As a matter of record, quite a few other deaf-mutes have done well for themselves in fighting careers. A decade ago one of our most popular middleweights was Eugene Hairston of the Bronx, and of more recent vintage an Italian, Mario D'Agata, became world bantam weight champion.

Martin, who died a few weeks ago at the age of 68, operated in an era when the middleweight division was loaded down with real fighters, and he stepped along with practically the lot, including several champions. His list of opponents numbered the likes of Al McCoy, George Chip, Johnny Wilson, Mike O'Dowd, Mike Glover, Soldier Bartfield and Mike McTigue.

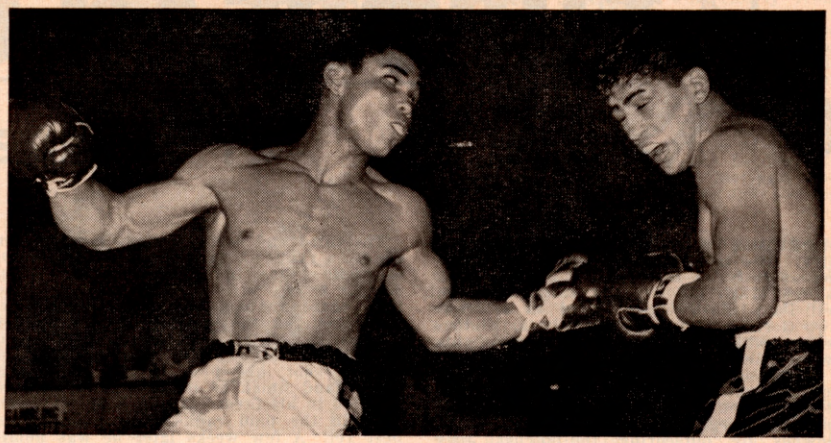
It was about 1920 that Martin quit the ring after ten years of industrious effort and nearly 150 fights. In recent years he had operated a newsstand at Third Avenue and 47th Street.

THESE AND THOSE

A visitor to New York during the holiday season was old-time Denver bantamweight, Earl Puryear, now living in Omaha. Puryear reported that, after a lull of several years, professional boxing returned to Omaha recently, and a card featuring a couple of local amateur graduates drew an encouraging gate of $6,000.

In the interests of truth (in news, editorials and advertisements), we're correcting an error that inadvertently appeared in last month's results. We reported that in one of the preliminaries to the Benny Paret-Federico Thompson welterweight title bout in Madison Square Garden, Chico Velez had outpointed Jose Stable. It should have read just the reverse. Stable outpointed Velez.

Although other factors have contributed, TV gets most of the blame for the decline in ring activity in the U.S.A. What accounts for the British slump? Fifteen years ago there were about 3,000 boxers licensed over yonder. The latest count places the total at 441.



The veteran Chico Vejar (right) was a bit too experienced for aggressive Jose Gonzalez and edged out a split decision in a sizzling ten at St. Nicholas Arena.

THE month's results:

In a bout to determine Champion Benny Paret's next opponent in a world welterweight title match, 22-year-old Emile Griffith, 147¾, West Side, edged out a split decision over previously unbeaten Luis Rodriguez, 148, Cuba, in an unspectacular ten in Madison Square Garden. It was a close affair all the way, with numerous clinches, little sustained action and nothing close to a knockdown. Rodriguez, one year older than Griffith, relied mainly on speed and an educated left hand, while the transplanted Virgin Islander and 1958 National Golden Gloves champion was the more aggressive and the harder hitter. The closeness of the bout was indicated by the voting of the officials. Referee Mark Conn and Judge Bill Recht tabbed for Griffith by 5-4-1 and 6-4 counts, respectively, while the other judge, Tony Castellano, thought Rodriguez deserved a 5-4-1 margin. It was Rodriguez's first defeat in 37 outings, and Griffith's 22nd win against two setbacks in 24 pro starts. The semi-final, scheduled for six but reduced to four because of TV time, was cut even shorter by Billy Harper, 151, Washington, D. C., who completed a fast demolishing job on Ray Villalona, 155, Dominican Republic, at 1:56 of the first. In two other sixes, Pete Toro, 146, Bronx, outpointed Julie Jamison, 146, Wappinger Falls, N. Y., and Al Milone, 155½, Brooklyn, scrambled to a decision over Johnny Torres, 153½, Paterson, N. J. In fours, Jack Kelly, 139½, Harlem, won from Bernie Watts, 139, Bronx, and Tony Fortunato, 150¾, Bronx, eliminated Ronnie Porambo, 151, Newark, N. J., at 1:21 of the second. The attendance looked about 3,200.

▶With the officials still having difficulty agreeing with each other, Tony DeCola, 150¼, Brooklyn, and Billy Collins, 146, Detroit, had to content themselves with a draw after ten rounds of milling at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout offered widely contrasting styles, the aggressive, hard-hitting Collins against a defensive, counter-punching DeCola, and at the finish of a bout marred by too much wrestling, butting and mauling, three different verdicts were handed out. Referee Harold Valan gave DeCola a 6-4 edge, Judge Joe Armstrong balloted for Collins, 7-3 and Judge Nick Gamboli had it all even in rounds and points, 5-5. In the semi-final, Ronnie Cohen, 145½, wild-swinging New Rochelle southpaw, who usually knocks out the other guy or gets knocked out himself, outlasted Eddie Antonetti, 145½, Puerto Rico, to win at 0:48 of the eighth. Referee Barney Smith called a halt with Antonetti unable to defend himself after stumbling up from an eight-count knockdown. In fours, Estella Cruz, 130½, Puerto Rico, drew with Ray Wallace, 129½, Brooklyn; Don Turner, 159¾, West Side, outpointed Jesse Woods, 164, Harlem, and Angel Coloncito, 121½, Puerto Rico, was credited with a k.o. when Manuel Rodriguez, 119½, Brooklyn, was unable to continue after the third. Attendance 690; box-office business $1,774.56.

▶The epidemic of split decisions in main events continued at St. Nicolas Arena when veteran Chico Vejar, 159, Stamford, Conn., was voted winner over youthful Jose Gonzalez, 156, Puerto Rico, after a lively ten sparked by frequent exciting exchanges. Judge Marvin Goldberg tabbed for Bonzalez, 5-4-1, but was outvoted by Referee Ray Miller and the other judge, Mike Davidowitsch, who favored Vejar. Miller by a 5-3-2 and Davidowitsch by 6-4. It was 29-year-old Vejar's 117th bout in eleven years and 20-year-old Gonzalez' 20th in two years. Gonzalez, aggressor throughout, relied mainly on fast two-handed flurries while Vejar countered with left hooks and occasional rights. The eighth round was one of the best seen at St. Nick's this season. For the entire three minutes the rivals swapped punches without a clinch. In an assortment of preliminary fours, Walter Daniels, 153, Bronx, decisioned Tommy Settles, 161, Jamaica, L. I.; Angel Coloncito, 122½, Puerto Rico, won from another islander, Hector Garrido, 124¾; Stu Bartell, 175, Brooklyn, outfought Clarence Ryan, 171, Harlem; Tommy Tucker, 158, Brooklyn, whipped Felix Santiago, 161, Puerto Rico, and Gil Diaz, 144¼, Puerto Rico, had the better of Johnny Blessas, 145½, Greece. The Christmas Night card attracted 1,159 customers and gross receipts of $2,231.71.

▶The New Year was ushered in auspiciously at St. Nicholas Arena by two notable developments: (a) a newcomer from the Argentine who shaped up as worth tabbing for future light-heavyweight activity and (b) a main event that didn't give the officials a chance to disagree over the decision. Scaling 178½, Rodolfo Diaz did a thorough job of demolishing Clarence Floyd, 173, Harlem. An aggressive sort and a busy puncher, Diaz lost no time going to work on the clownish Floyd. As early as the first round he had the Harlemite down for an eight-count. From then on he battered Floyd systematically, floored him twice more in the seventh and had him doubled over, defenseless, in his own corner when Referee Teddy Martin called a halt at 1:37 of the eighth. Former amateur ace Vince Shomo, 147¼, Harlem, posted his third professional win by disposing of Ricky Ortiz, 146¼, Puerto Rico, at 2:31 of the first. An even quicker win was accounted for by Lew Moses, 176, Jamaica, L. I., who needed only 59 seconds in which to eliminate Ellis Lawler, 171, Paterson, N. J. In other numbers, Ossie Marcano, 153¼, Puerto Rico, decisioned Frank Salee, 152,¼ Cleveland, in six; John Tucker, 157¼, Brooklyn, outpointed Walter Daniels, 153¾, Harlem, in four, and Hector Garrido, 122¾, Puerto Rico, drew with Jose Rogores, 120, Cuba, in another four. Attendance 1,398; box-office business $2,286.89.

▶Somewhat ring rusty after a six-months' absence from ring competition, but with a weight advantage of ten pounds, former welterweight and middleweight champion Carmen Basilio, 159½, Chittenango, N. Y., needed a strong finish to eke out a close, if unanimous, decision over Gaspar Ortega, 149½, Mexico, in a hard-fought but unspectacular ten in Madison Square Garden. Slow and sluggish, 33-year-old Basilio had difficulty in the early rounds with Ortega's speed and slap-dash tactics, but as the bout progressed Carmen's weight and strength gradually slowed down the Mexican. Neither rival was too accurate or effective in his punching. Both did more missing than hitting, but Basilio was the worse for wear at the finish, bleeding from the nose, mouth and a cut over the right eye. Ortega was unmarked until the last round when he suffered a slight nick under his right optic. All three officials voted for Basilio, Referee Al Berl and Judge Leo (Bobby Dawson) Birnbaum scoring 6-4 and Judge Joe Eppy 5-4-1. In sixes, Babe Simmons, 179¼, Westbury, L. I., whipped crude Darrel Layton, 168½, Layton, Utah; Willie Davis, 151½, Piladelphia, decisioned Ramon Hernandez, 161, Mexico, and Freddie Mack, 177¼, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo when Wilfredo Avalez, 187, Puerto Rico, was unable to go out for the second because of a gash over his left eye. In fours, Ray Wallace, 130¼, Brooklyn, whipped Estella Cruz, 131, Puerto Rico; Carlos Quiles, 136, Puerto Rico, drew with Carmen Scialabba, 135½, Syracuse, N. Y., and Stu Bartell, 169, Brooklyn, stopped Joe Linge, 171, Astoria, L. I., at 0:43 of the second. Curiosity in Basilio accounted for the biggest turnout of the Garden's 1960-61 season to date. The crowd looked about 8,000 with the gate receipts reaching $17,000.

▶After a lull of one week, the split decision epidemic returned to St. Nicholas Arena when the officials disagreed not only on the result of the main event but on four of the five preliminaries. In the windup ten, Obdulio Nunez, 159½, Puerto Rico, accounted for his 18th win in 20 starts by edging out George Chimenti, 158¾, Bronx, in a real Pier 6 brawl. A better boxer and snappier puncher, with advantages in height and reach, Nunez could have won in much easier fashion had he elected to stand off and box Chimenti, but, instead, he made a tough fight for himself by slugging with the aggressive, free-swinging Bronxite. The result was a close battle with one official, Judge Artie Aidala, voting for Chimenti, 5-4-1. He was outnumbered, however, by Referee Joe LoScalzo and Judge Fred Brunelli, who tabbed for Nunez, 5-4-1 and 6-4, respectively. The only preliminary that failed to produce a split decision was a "walk-out" four staged after the main event, Carl Miner, 161, Brooklyn, beating Wally Wilson, 159, West Side. In the semi-final six, Pete Toro, 144½, Bronx, edged out Kenny Bryant, 148, West Side. In fours, Johnny Parks, 144, was favored over Mario Tedesco, 146½, Bronx; Tommy Bruno, 157½, East Side, outpointed Felix Santiago, 158, Puerto Rico, and Bob McLaurin, 141, Harlem, won from Frank Daly, 138, East Side. Attendance 1,191; gross receipts $2,094.21.

A TIGER SNARLS. . . . Dick Tiger, the Nigerian middleweight, is normally a quiet, soft-spoken individual, but for one of the few times since he checked into New York a year and a half ago, he is indignant and not reluctant to say so. Tiger is fuming at the announcer in the Boston Arena who introduced Terry Downes as the "British Empire champion" before his world title affair with Paul Pender. Tiger's indignation is understandable. HE is the Empire titleholder. Downes is champion only of the British Isles (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.) . . . Tiger reminds one and all that a year ago he accepted an offer to defend his Empire laurels against Downes in Liverpool, but that was the last he heard of the match. Dick insists that Downes wanted no part of him, remembering what happened when they tangled in London in 1957. On that occasion, Tiger, picked as a "soft touch", shocked Downes and his cohorts by slugging Terry to the canvas three times and busting him up so badly that the Londoner's handlers called it quits after the sixth round. . . . Tiger, incidentally, is keen to meet Pender and the winner of impending Episode 4 of the Fullmer-Robinson series. Dick argues that, as British Empire champion, he already is champion of half the world, and he'd like the chance to add the other half by getting into the dispute between Pender and the Fullmer-Robinson winner.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

DECEMBER WOUND UP ON A MINOR KEY. The usual big programs in France and at Italy on Boxing Day were lacking, though Milan did at least stage the Garbelli-Papp clash which ended in a draw. Two German heavies scored upsets, Mildenberger whipping Franco Cavicchi in his own bailiwick and unknown Gerhard Zech, a lanky scrapper built on Ten Hoff lines, put the skids under Mino Bozzano. Another Teuton, Peter Mueller, put himself on level pegging with Britain's Terry Downes by outscoring top-notcher Joey Giardello and in Italy, World Champion Joe Brown was beaten by Giordano Campari in a non-title fray.

▶ **Milan, Italy.**—A veritable fistic sensation was provided for Italian fans by crew-cut Giordano Campari, hard-bitten lightweight champion, in his clash with World Champion Joe Brown. A tense crowd of 13,000 watched the local matador, who hails from Lacchiarella, near Milan, outbox and outfight the world's top-notch lightweight in a rugged ten-round slugfest at the Sports Palace.

After an even opening round of tentative sparring, Campari shocked the champ with a snappy right hook to the chin which dropped Brown to the floor. Up at "three", Brown was obliged to take the mandatory count of "eight" before continuing the fray. Campari wisely refrained from moving in for the kill. Brown was not in trouble but appeared lethargic and in no great hurry to avenge the knockdown.

He showed a burst of championship class during the fifth and sixth rounds and again in the ninth but for most of the battle it was Campari who held the initiative and thereby gained the nod. The crowd booed Brown as he left the ring, no doubt regretting his Italian venture as much as Archie Moore.

The second sensation was less palatable to the spectators. Mino Bozzano, handsome and debonair heavyweight ace from Genoa was matched with an unknown German, Gerhard Zech. The Teuton who had only eight paid bouts to his credit and no amateur experience figured to be another massive pushover. But Bozzano was obviously ring-rusty and in the second round the Berlin southpaw slammed a hefty right-hander to the Italian's ribs. Swift as light, he threw a left hook at Bozzano's chin and the Italian crumpled to the canvas—out cold.

In a welter brawl, Fernando Barreto of Brazil proved too rough and tough for Giacomo Narvi and halted the Brescia battler in six rounds. Barreto is keen to get a return bout with Fortunato Manca.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.**—On his return from a long tourney in Cuba and Japan, José Luis Martinez declared that his first objective would be to regain his feathers title, now held by José Merayo. In a non-title fray at the Gran Price, however, Merayo bested the veteran over ten rounds of non-stop mauling. Vicente "Tiger' Ferrando, still making progress, did well to outscore experienced Chato Ramos in a lightweight eight.

▶ **Jemappes, Belgium.**—A mild upset was caused here by Werner Wiegand, who came out of retirement to do battle with José Peyre. Wiegand, star of Luxembourg boxing since 1946 and the first German to box in Britain since the war, took a count of "6" in the opening round but fought back to drop the Belgian twice in the fourth round. Wiegand went on to gain a points decision.

In a middles ten, Richard Bouchez was lucky to earn a draw against the French negro, Jerome Adje.

▶ **Cologne, Germany.**—More than 7,000 spectators attended the Peter Mueller-Joey Giardello fray at the Exhibition Hall, no doubt in the expectation of seeing the doyen of German boxers blitzed out in double-quick time.

Giardello opened up in top gear, making excellent use of his advantage in reach but Mueller was able to crowd his man in the second round. There was bitter fighting at the end of the round, both fighters continuing after the bell had sounded.

The third and fourth rounds saw Mueller endure a rugged bombardment. In the fifth, Giardello began to tire and tried to keep Mueller at bay with an inaccurate left. The next three rounds went to Black Peter, who plastered the American in spasms of furious in-fighting and although Giardello made it even-steven in the ninth, he had clearly shot his bolt. Mueller made a grandstand finish of it which clinched the decision in his favor. It was Mueller's 150th fight in the paid ranks and probably his best yet. A few weeks later he was nominated by German fight scribes as their Boxer of the Year.

In supporting bouts, Conny Rudhof and Robert Di Martino of France, both at 135, fought a brilliant eight-round affair at terrific pace, with the nod going to the German champ by a narrow margin.

Manfred Hass, 157, had some difficulty overcoming the spoiling tactics of Salah ben Farhat of Tunisia, the bout was stopped at the start of round six due to a cut over the visitor's eye.

Another Tunisian, Moncef Laroussi, 158, was knocked out in the fifth round by Klaus Langhammer of Berlin. In a third middles clash, Herbert Schilling, 147, was held to a draw by Mohamed Sahib of Syria, 155, over six rounds. Horst Niche drew with Rudolf Nehring in a good cruiser six.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany.**—Albert Westphal, 189, wasted little time in formalities with the French champion, Robert Duquesne, 197, but the visitor checked the charging Hamburger with stiff, accurate lefts. In the second, Westphal ducked under Duquesne's left and swiped him on the chin with a shattering left hook. Duquesne went down like a log and was counted out.

Hans Wohlers, 162, aired his goves for the first time since his ill-starred American jaunt, beating second-rate Helmut Hoehmann in uneventful six-rounder and Erich Walter, 157, knocked out battle-worn Gerhard van Eyk in round six.

Helmut Mistol, still officially the welter champion, came in at 152 against Danny Holloway, 171, but was in no wise impressed by the American's advantages in weight and reach. After three rounds of one-sided action, Holloway decided to remain in his corner.

Heini Freytag, 156, had a rough time of it against Klaus Hessmann, 174, but gained the decision after six rounds thanks to his relentless attacking and in a featherweight eliminator, Edgar Basel was outpointed by tough Joe Buck, who outweighed the Mannheimer by half a stone, over ten rounds. Although the program was televised, 5,000 attended the show.

▶ **Treviso, Italy.**—Gerhard Topf, Austrian bantam, did well to last the distance against Federico Scarponi, losing over ten rounds to the ex-champion.

▶ **At Mestre.**—Bruno Scarabellin returned to action by knocking out Werner Walloschek of Germany in the opening round of a heavies maul.

▶ **Paris—At the Salle Wagram.** Joe Catalano upset the dope by defeating Moussa Sangaree of West Africa in a hard cruiser ten. Daniel Brunet nodded Andre Scheppler in a welter ten and Albert Renard stopped Jean Houbloup in the sixth round of a lightweight duel.

▶ **At Tours.**—Jean Guerard gained an unpopular verdict over the flyweight champion, Rene Libeer, in a non-title clash over ten rounds.

▶ **Casablanca, France.**—The Italian deaf-mute, Gieuseppe Baiata, plastered the daylights out of Victor Pepeder and gained an upset points win. Pepeder was completely exhausted after the bout and announced his retirement.

▶ **In Tunis.**—The order was reversed when Franco Rosini of Italy sustained a regular hammering from Aissa Hashas and was knocked out in round three of their lightweight encounter.

▶ **Copenhagen, Denmark.**—Christian Christensen kept active with a convincing win over the Frenchman, Andre Mauguin, a difficult southpaw who has gone the distance with most Continental welters and middles. The Dane got his chance in the seventh and dropped the visitor for a long count. Mauguin recovered to last out the round but in the eighth, Chris hooked the Frenchman to the liver which sent him rolling over the canvas gasping for breath and he was counted out.

Egon Thomsen made the best of his first chance to emerge from the ruck of third-raters when he defeated the Belgian, Carlos van Neste, over eight rounds. The Belgian middleweight fought in a crouch for most of the bout.

Sander Bonde chased Posty II of Belgian all round the ring for eight rounds to win a lop-sided welter eight and in a cruiser four, Finn Jensen outslugged the tough French blond, Marcel Tirel, via the points route.

▶ **Geneva, Switzerland.**—Manuel Sosa, French lightweight star, outfought the rugged Italian, Renato Giacche, over ten fast rounds.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 30, 1961

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERS
1. Ing. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalfell (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Sante Amonti (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Marcel Pigou (F)	Hippolyte Annex (F)
4. Albert Westphal (G)	Paul Roux (F)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5. Karl Mildenberger (G)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Giacomo Nervi (I)
7. Uli Ritter (G)	Helmut Ball (G)	Jean Ruellet (F)	Stefan Redl (G)
8. Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Andre Drille (F)	Ahmed Sebane (F)
9. Uli Nitzschke (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Manfred Hass (G)	Luis Folledo (S)
10. Plinio Scarabellin (I)	Wladis Kopec (F)	Bruno Fortilli (I)	Yves Cornez (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Aissa Hashas (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Giordano Campari (I)	Ray Nobile (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3. Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Rene Libeer (F)
4. Guy Gracia (F)	Rene Barriere (F)	Mario Sitri (I)	Young Martin (S)
5. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jules Touan (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
6. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Pierre Vetroff (F)	Jean Guerard (F)
7. Sauveur Benamou (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Pierre Rossi (I)
8. Farnand Nollet (F)	Alberto Serti (I)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Albert Younsi (F)
9. Epiphane Akono (F)	Jose Merayo (S)	Idrissa Diop (F)	Raton Osuna (S)
10. Conny Rudhof (G)	Jose L. Martinez (S)	Ugo Milan (I)	Santos Seoane (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

▶ **Laon, France.**—Evergreen Gilbert Lavoine, the oldest of active French boxers, limbered up with a win over Michel Le Riguier, the bout being stopped in round five.

▶ **At Granville.**—Pierre Rossi defeated René Dernoncourt in a bantam ten.

▶ **At Brest.**—Lucien Fernandes fought a draw with Gilbert Souday in a welter ten whilst Jean-Claude Leroy stopped Rene Geoffroy in the eighth round of a bantam duel.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.**—Great hopes are held for the future chances of José Biescas, Olympic representative, who easily outscored José Guillen in a feathers eight.

▶ **Paris.**—Hippolyte Annex, known as The Gypsy, successfully defended his national welter title in the main spot at the Sports Palace. His challenger, experienced Sauveur Chiocca, never had a chance to dictate terms, Annex was on the attack from first to last over the fifteen round distance, winning clearly via the points route.

Wladis Kopec, the Franco-Polish cruiser clouter, had little difficulty disposing of Rolf Peters, The German, who has gone sadly downhill in his recent bouts, was knocked out in the fifth round by a snappy right hook to the jaw.

Yves Cornez, flash Belgian comer, trimmed Albert Lefrancois in a welter eight and Bernard Queller squashed the ambitions of young Georges Torrecillas, defeating the Provencal cruiser over eight rounds.

▶ **At Bologna, Italy.**—Germany sent another blast of donnerwetter into the Italian heavyweight circuit when Karl Mildenberger was brought in to tangle with statuesque Franco Cavicchi. Mildenberger was boss, except in the sixth round, when the referee ordered a "break" and the Teuton dropped his arms. Cavicchi seized the opportunity to slam across a right hook to the chain and followed up with a flurry of punches that sent Mildenberger down for a count of "8'. Despite a disadvantage of one and a half stone, Mildenberger got to his feet and carried the fight to the massive Italian and won via the points route.

Altidoro Polidori, returned from a fairly successful Australian tour, defeated young Ottavio Micciche in a feathers eight.

▶ **Bourges, France.**—Ahmed Sebane, Algerian welter based on Bourges, kept up his winning streak by defeating game Karl Wagner of Germany. He dropped the Danziger three times.

▶ **At Calais**—Pierre Vetroff, grabbed the national bantam bauble from Elysée Castre, taking no pity on a man who is father of five and belting out the champ in round four.

▶ **Paris—At the Salle Wagram,** Epiphane Akono showed little of his old destructive power, being unable to stop modest Belaid "Moustique" Meslem until the tenth and last round of their lightweight clash. Claude Saluden was also found wanting in dynamite, beating Maurice Devilliers in a welter ten whilst Boualem Belouard of Algeria shared honors with Pierre Leblond in a feathers ten.

▶ **Orleans, France.**—Jacky Chauveau outscored the Belgian lightweight veteran Aimé Devisch in a fast ten-rounder here.

▶ **At Epernay.**—Robert Meunier trounced Henri Corbanese in a feathers ten.

▶ **At St. Dizier.**—Maurice Francois drew with Maurice Colombiez in a welter ten.

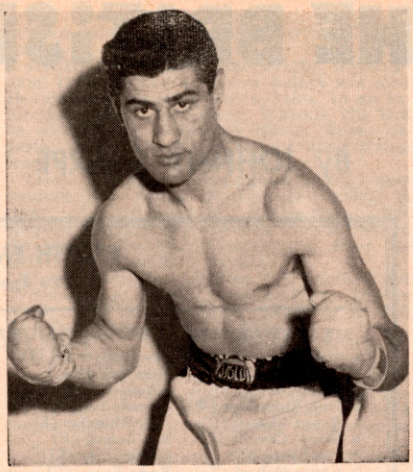
▶ **At Vannes.**—Henri Cabelduc for once found himself on the winning end, beating Bernard Cottet in a middles ten.

▶ **St. Quentin, France.**—Germinal Ballarin almost bit off more than he could chew when he tangled with Horst Niche of Berlin, who recently gave champion Paul Roux a whale of a scrap. According to report, Ballarin won only one or two round three were even and the remainder fell to Niche. Amid loud protests from the crowd, Ballarin was declared winner after ten rounds.

On the same bill, knockout specialist Wladis Kopec was again in evidence, stopping mediocre Michel Adamy in the second round of another cruiser slam.

▶ **Rome.**—On an all-welter program at the Sports Palace, Luigi Furio created something of a furore by stopping up-and-coming Rino Borra in four rounds whilst the bout between Fernando Proietti and Frenchman Michel Lombardet was stopped in the fifth round and declared No Contest.

Luigi Castoldi, a recruit from the lightweight ranks, debuted with a good points win over globetrotting Charlie Douglas of North Carolina.



Giancarlo Garbelli, veteran Italian who held ex Olympic champion Laszlo Papp to a draw in their middleweight bout in Milan before a crowd of over 12,000 fans. The bout was the first since turning pro that Papp had failed to win.

▶ **Paris.**—Michel Francois bested Bang-bang Boubakar in a middles eight at the Stadium, whilst at the Central, 10th Joao Dos Santos of Portugal returned to action, in style, stopping young René Fontaine in the fifth round of a lightie dispute.

▶ **In Toulouse.**—Lou Mourros defeated Michel Boulanger in a middles ten.

▶ **At Villifranche.**—Pierre Mondino edged out Jackie Marchandeau in a welter ten.

▶ **Helsinki, Finland.**—Pekka Kokkonen demonstrated excellent powers of recovery against dangerous Domenico Baccheschi at the Exhibition Hall here. Although noted as a hard hitter, Kokkonen has been criticised for easing off against opponents carrying equally heavy punches but on this occasion, Kokkonen came back after taking two trips to the deck in the opening round and belted the Italian out in the next session. Baccheschi was unwise to accept the match, having been inactive for the last twelve months.

Olli Maeki, great lightweight prospect, outfought Alberto Serti in a terrific eight round duel, gaining the verdict by a narrow margin.

▶ **The Hague, Holland.**—Wim Snoek, Dutch heavyweight champion, kept his slate clean for the current year by belting out Germany's Erwin Hack in nine rounds. The southpaw from Hamburg fought well until the eighth round, when he took two trips to the canvas and in the ninth, Snoek caught him square on the chin with a trip hammer right that felled the German for the full count. A crowd of 1500 attended the match, the first to be held in the Dutch capital for six years.

▶ **Turin, Italy.**—Despite being a large industrial city, Turin seldom figures as a fight center. It was all the more unusual that Sardinia's Piero Rollo should appear there to defend his national bantam title against Ugo Milan from Venice. Against Rollo, Milan put up an excellent display and fought his way to a draw after twelve rounds.

▶ **Milan, Italy.**—The oft-postponed middles clash between Giancarlo Garbelli and the Hungarian veteran, Laszlo Papp, finally took place at the Sports Palace, where some 12,000 fans crowded in to watch the mysterious Magyar display his prowess. Since Papp must get the sanction of Hungarian authorities for every fight he accepts, it is always problematical whether he will arrive.

In Garbelli he clashed with a fighter built on his own lines—stocky, two-fisted and aggressive. Garbelli was not bothered by the Magyar's southpaw stance, nor by fame as a knockout puncher. He went right in to action from the first gong and kept up the pace until the end of the bout. The Swiss ref, Rody Seidel, declared the result a draw but Garbelli appeared to have got the edge.

Giordano Campari wound up the year with a solid points victory over the blond Spaniard, Bobby Ros, in a lightweight ten and in a heavies clash, Rocco Mazzola was unlucky in being forced to retire with a badly cut eye against muscular Plinio Scarabellin. Both men weighed 198.

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—Franco Cavicchi, 204, proved that the Mildenberger defeat had in no wise affected his ability to deal with home-grown talent and won clearly from Vittorio Stagni, 193. The latter has never boxed outside Bologna and has been inactive since last March. Stagni made even going of it until the half-way mark when the experience and power of Cavicchi began to wear him down.

The Olympic heavyweight star, De Piccoli, made a promising debut in the paid ranks. His exhuberant, crash-bang style of delivery will find him plenty of work. De Piccoli's foe was trial-horse Giovanni Moriggi, who was blasted out in twenty seconds of the opening round.

▶ **Copenhagen, Denmark**—Promoters Johansen and Palle had the inspiration of giving Danes a Boxing Day program but only 1,000 fans attended the vast Forum to watch a very mediocre display of the fistic arts. In the main spot, Chris Christensen won every round against Andre Davier of France, who never showed any enterprise and spent most of them ducking and dodging out of harm's way.

Egon Thomsen also a thankless opponent in wily Ali Amrane, the Algerian veteran who has yet to taste a knockout defeat. Despite repeated warnings, Amrane was so passive that the exasperated referee stopped the bout in the fifth round an announced Thomsen as winner.

Ulf Christensen arrived from distant New Zealand, where he fought for several years and fought for the welter title in 1954. He failed to bring any flash of brilliance to the program, sharing honors with rough and tough Rene Pigeon of France after six hard rounds. Sander Bonde made a rather poor display against Bernard Carre, lively French welter novice.

NON-TITLE FIGHTS . . . . CHAMPIONS' JINX

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on fouls going back to 1948. With such a splendid record how could Rinaldi, who was not even highly rated in Italy before 1960, do much with the Ancient Mariner?

However, Giulio forgot to read Moore's press clippings and from the start took the play away from the champion. Archie seemed content to go along, jabbing away and while he rolled with most of the punches thrown by Rinaldi, he did little on the attack. The fight was close as the final round got under way.

Midway through that session, Rinaldi landed a series of solid rights to the head that sent Moore stumbling backwards into the ropes. Archie grabbed at the strands to keep from going down. As he sat momentarily on the middle strand, the referee jumped in between the men and ruled it a knockdown. He tolled off the required eight seconds while Archie danced a jig in protest of the count. Neither did much following the disputed knockdown and when the final gong sounded Rinaldi's hand was raised aloft in triumph to the glee of the huge Italian gathering.

Moore disagreed with the verdict, as did many ringsiders, but all were of the opinion that the "knockdown" was the difference and that Giulio had made a great showing.

The victory the sixth straight during the year earned for Rinaldi, who received "The Ring's Progress Award for 1960".

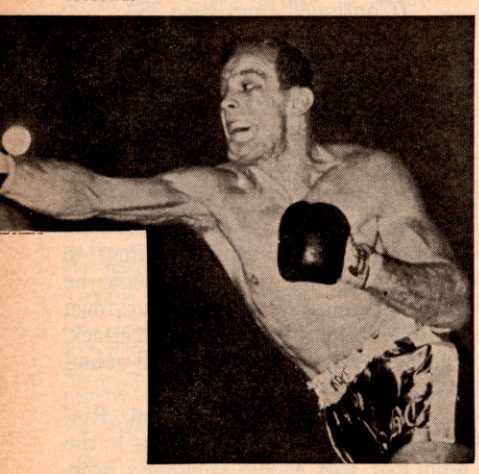
As the new year get under way, the champions are breathing a little easier. Things look brighter for them this year. After all how bad can they get?

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON. Don Weller, Battersea, 117¾, ex amateur bantamweight champion, won The Southern Area bantamweight title in his ninth professional contest when he clearly outpointed Dennis East, Canning Town, 118, in twelve. Neville Axford, Bermondsey, 150, was too strong for Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 145, and was a clear points winner in eight. Nat Jacobs, Nottingham, 148¾, former Coal Board Champion, knocked out Bill Goodwin, Bermondsey, 149, in the first . . . Billy Colvin, Peckham, 113¾, outpointed Kevan McGeowan, Poplar, 112½, in six . . . Alan Branquet, Channel Islands, 119¾, stopped Johnny Woods, Kilburn, 117½, in the fourth.

▶ **LEICESTER . . .** Chris Elliott, Leicester, 129, was a clear points winner over Andy Doherty, Bradford, 130, in eight. Mick Greaves, Leicester, 126¼, knocked out Andy Hickson, Dublin, 128¾, in the fourth. Mick Basten, Leicester, 179¼, outpointed Simba Rose, Nigeria, 171 in six. Tommy Icke, Wolverhampton, 137¼, stopped Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 137¼, in the third, after having the latter on the canvas for three counts. Freddy Kaye, Rugby, 164¼, was fortunate to receive the full honors over Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 162¼, in six hard hitting rounds. Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, 172, outpointed Razza Bailey, Coventry, 177, in six. Ray Dee, Nigeria, 152¾, stopped Terry Lavin, Retford, 152, in the second.



Henry Cooper, British Empire champion who returned to action after a long layoff to defeat Alex Miteff in a thriller. Cooper won despite being floored in the tenth and final round.

▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON.** Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 146, gained a most impressive victory when he forced referee Tommy Little to intervene in his favor after having Paddy Graham, Belfast, 149½, on the canvas for a count of "eight" in the fourth. On rising the latter came in for considerable punishment and also suffered a badly cut eye before the referee came to his rescue.

Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 114¾, gained an impressive points win over Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 116½, in six. Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, 121, was most fortunate to gain the points verdict over Billy Meek, Shoreditch, 119½, in six excellent rounds. Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 142, was declared the winner over Colin Humphries, Porthcawl, 143, in the fifth when the latter suffered a badly cut eye. The Welshman held a commanding lead when he received his injury. Kid Solomon, West Indies, 148, stopped Paddy Burns, Belfast, 144, in the second.

▶ **CHELTENHAM . . .** Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 160¼, Welsh Middleweight Champion, after giving Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 157¾, a boxing lesson for nearly four rounds suffered a bad cut over the eye, and Referee Arnold Rose decided that it was too dangerous to allow the bout to continue.

Ron Rowley, Bristol, 132¾, scored a good points win over Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 132½, in six. Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 126, outpointed Peter Delbridge, Pyle, 126, in an exciting six. Ken Chadwick, Bournemouth, 158, outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 158¾, in a thrilling six. Ronnie Brown, Market Harborough, 133¾, outpointed Jimmy Redmond, Bournemouth, 136½, in six. Peter Saltiel, Bordon, 133½, and Joe Falcon, Market Harborough, 136½, fought a draw in six.

▶ **BERMONDSEY . . .** There was a disappointing end to the Roy Beaman, Brixton, 119¾, and Albert Younsi, France, 116½, clash, when a head on collision in the second round damaged the Frenchman's eye. At the end of the round, the French lad's seconds wisely would not let him continue.

George Cottle, Bermondsey, 148, outpointed Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, 149, in an uninspiring eight. Pat O'Grady, Bermondsey, 162¼, and Ivor Evans, Bournemouth and Wales, 158¾, put up a stirling battle with O'Grady gaining a hard earned points win in six.

Billy Davis, West Ham, 127¼, again showed good class in his bout with Norman Duff, Gillingham, 132½, forcing referee Benny Caplan to call a halt in favor of Davis in the fourth. Dave Higgins, Fife, 135½, knocked out Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 142½, in the second. Dave Ould, Bermondsey, 186, knocked out Wilmot Williams, Trinidad, 217, in the second.

▶ **CARMARTHEN . . .** Howard Winstone, Merthyr, outstanding Challenger for Terry Spink's featherweight title, gave a brilliant exhibition to gain a clear points win over Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, in ten. The undefeated Welshman took charge of the contest at the half-way stage to win easily on points. Len Reece, Cardiff, outpointed George O'Neill, Belfast, in a bantamweight eight.

Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, outpointed Jimmy Powell, Preston, in eight. Ebe Mensah, Ghana, defeated Jimmy Nolan, Thornaby, in the fourth of a lightweight bout when the latter received a badly damaged mouth, and the referee called a halt. Eddie Green, Caerphilly, stopped Andrew Helmaczy, formerly from Hungary, in the second of a welterweight contest.

▶ **FINSBURY PARK . . .** Johnny Howard, Holloway, 126½, and Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127½, fought a draw in a scrambling eight. Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 115, stopped Danny McNamee, Dundee, 115½, in the sixth when referee Harry Gibbs intervened to save The Scot from further punishment. Joe Devitt, Islington, 134¾, outclassed Les Robinson, Sunderland, 136½, causing referee Alf Harman to intervene during the third.

Danny O'Brien, Kilburn, 131¾, octpointed Jerry Parker, Nottingham, 131¾, in a hectic six. Carl Taylor, Richmond, 113½, outpointed Jimmy Weeldon, Nottingham, 113½, in six. Jackie Dillon, Isle of Man, 124½, knocked out Johnny Eastbrook, Camden Town, 126, in the second.

▶ **WEMBLEY TOWN HALL . . .** Eric Brett, Retford, 138, with a 10 pound advantage, gained a points decision over Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 128, in eight. Joe Bell, West Indies, 159½, stopped Derek Liversidge, Retford, 150, in the third, after the latter had taken several counts.

Dave Parsons, Northolt, 136¾, knocked out Ray Smith, Nottingham, 136½, in the second. Peter Kane, Isleworth, 147, stopped Terry Thompson, Gloucester, 148¾, in the fourth. The referee stopped the bout after the latter had taken three counts. Ted Sherwood, Wembley, 146½, outpointed Howell Roberts, Wales, 145, in a hard hitting six.

▶ **CARDIFF . . .** David "Darkie" Hughes, Cardiff, 134, won the right to meet Dave Charnley for the latter's titles, when he scored a points win over Billy Kelly, Derry, 134½, in twelve. Tanos Lambrianides, Greece and Cardiff, 147, and Al Sharpe, Belfast, 146, fought a draw in eight.

Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 127¾, knocked out John Bacon, Middlesborough, 136, in the fifth. Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 118½, outpointed Tommy Burgoyne, Halton, 121, in a hard fought six. Brian Smith, Porthcawl, 130, knocked out Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 126½, in the fourth. Vince Brown, Cardiff, 158, outpointed Jim Slattery, Newport, 156½, in six. Gordon Enoch, Nigeria, 148, outpointed Ray Ashie, Cardiff, 147, in eight.

▶ **BELFAST . . .** Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 125¾, was awarded the points decision at the end of 15 hard fought rounds against Percy Lewis, Trinidad and Oxford, 124½, and thus became the New Empire Featherweight Champion. For the first ten rounds it was nip and tuck. Then the aggressive Robertson went ahead, scoring heavily during the twefth. In the last round Lewis came back strongly to score the only knockdown to win the round. At the bell they were both fighting strongly as Referee Jack Hart raised the hand of Robertson as the New Empire Champion. The decision met with a mixed reception.

Johnny Caldwell, Belfast, British Flyweight Champion, 113¾, was in devastating form against Christian Marchand, France, 116¾, who proved a clever defensive boxer until Caldwell caught up with him, and dealt out severe punishment. Referee Billy Duncan wisely intervened during the seventh.

Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134¼, outpointed Jimmy Gibson, Glasgow, 136, in eight. Mick Leahy, Cork & Coventry, 150¼, outpointed Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 148, in eight.

Maurice Loughran, Monaghan, 160, knocked out Jackie Willis, Belfast, 160½, in the fourth. Dickie Hanna, Lisburn, 118½, in his professional debut, outpointed Johnny McGeough, Glasgow, 117¾, in six.

▶ **ILFORD . . .** Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 128, defeated Ron Jones, West Ham, 127½, in the sixth, when the latter was forced to retire at the end of the round owing to cuts above both eyes. The bout was even at the time.

Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 137¾, scored

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To January 21, 1961)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Dick Tiger (N)	Brian Curvis (W)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (S.A.)	Terry Downes (E)	George Barnes (A)
3. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Tony Smith (E)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Yama Bahama (B)	Mick Leahy (I)
5. Robert Cleroux (C)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	Ron Redrup (E)	John McCormack (S)	Wally Swift (E)
7. Jim Cooper (E)	Johnny Cole (E)	Gert Van Heerden (S.A.)	Willie Toweel (SA)
8. George Mahoni (To)	Burke Emery (C)	Tuna Scanlon (N.Z.)	Jimmy McGrail (E)
9. Gawie De Klerk (SA)	Stan Cullis (E)	Gomeo Brennan (B)	Jannie Botes (S.A.)
10. Joe Bygraves (J)	Tony Dove (E)	Peter Read (A)	Boswell St Louis (T)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Rafiu King (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Gary Cowburn (A)	Percy Lewis (T)	George Bowes (E)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Steve Nittes (A)	Terry Spinks (E)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. J. van Rensberg (SA)	Levy Madi (S.A.)	Roy Beaman (E)	George McDade (S)
6. Brian Jones (E)	Howard Winstone (W)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	John Mtmikulu (SA)
7. Peter Heath (E)	Wally Taylor (A)	Dennis Adjie (G)	Fredie N'Gidi (SA)
8. Darkie Hughes (W)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Dick White (A)	Alan Gibbards (A)
9. Maurice Cullen (E)	Derry Treanor (S)	Peter Lavery (I)	Little Joe (SA)
10. Enoch Nhlapo (S.A.)	Love Allottey (S)	Alex Ambrose (S)	Pancho Bhatachaji (In)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamacia; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South America; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

a spectacular knockout over Jimmy Redmond, Bournemouth, 135, in the third. A perfect left hook to the jaw did the trick.

There was a tremendous outcry of booing when referee Les Thwaites declared that Domingo Valleral, Trinidad, 139, had outpointed Alf Thompson, Dagenham, 142, in six. Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 127, gained a narrow points win over Arnold Bell, West Indies, 126, in six.

Fred Albert, Hendon, 162½, made short work of his bout with Ivor Delima, British Guiana, 158¾, for the referee intervened during the second, after the latter rose shakily from a "nine" knockdown.

Trevor Wise, Yarmouth, 138, outpointed Johnny Arrow, Richmond, 138½, in six . . . George Blazeby, Norwich, 152, punched out a points victory over Vernon Pellai, Trinidad, 148¾, in a hard fought six.

▶ **NORTHAMPTON** . . . Jack Solomons was rewarded with a packed house at the Local Drill Hall when Ron Barton, West Ham, 171¾, ex-British Cruiserweight Champion, was making a come-back against hard hitting Stan Cullis, Coventry, 170½. In a rally at the end of the second, Barton emerged with blood streaming down his face from a slight cut on his left eye. In the third Barton went in to try and finish the contest, but Cullis joined in to the satisfaction of the crowd. Referee Ben Stichbury called for a sponge to wipe the blood, then seeing that Barton couldn't defend himself properly halted the bout. Tough for Barton.

Local lad, Cliff Brown, Northampton, 143¾, boxed well to stop Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 144½, in the sixth. After the second session, Brown dealt out severe punishment to Burley who was forced to take several counts before the referee called a halt.

Nat Jacobs, Manchester, 148½, had to fight hard all the way to gain the upper hand over Sonny Osemegie, Leicester, 149, and win on points in six. Johnny Gribble, Bristol, 159, knocked out Mick Kimpton, Market Harborough, 160½, in the first . . . Joe Falcon, Market Harborough, 142, knocked out Tony Mulholland, Birmingham, 140, in the third... Billy Elliot, Leicester, 130½, and Frank Lannon, Wolverhampton, 130, fought a hectic draw in six.

▶ **WEMBLEY POOL** . . . Within twenty-four hours of Jack Solomons announcing that every ticket had been sold for the Henry Cooper-Joe Erskine British and Empire title bout, came "The Bombshell" from manager Benny Jacobs, that his Joe was unable to box owing to a swollen arm. The expensive programme looked like it would have to be off, but Solomons contacted New York and got Alex Miteff as a substitute. Alex Miteff made a hit with the press boys, who saw his first workout in a London gymnasium. He lost the 10 round bout to Cooper. Henry tipped the scales at 189½, and Miteff, 211½, at the afternoon weigh-in.

Left hooks—right crosses—straight lefts with plenty of steam behind these punches, did not deter Miteff from keeping up his aggressiveness and trying hard to connect with his left hook to Cooper's head and body. But within 90 seconds of the end, Miteff landed his left hook to the side of Cooper's right eye and the latter slumped to the canvas amid great excitement to take a count of "nine." He looked beaten to the world as referee Andy Smythe tolled the fatal seconds. With blood streaming from a very bad cut eye, Cooper struggled to his knees at four, and almost toppled over.

Gamely rising at "nine" he managed to get close to his opponent and held until his head cleared. There was no doubt that Cooper was a clear points winner, but what a sensation there would have been if Miteff's left hook had landed a few inches lower. The fans are still wondering whether Cooper would have been the winner had the bout been longer than the scheduled ten.

Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 146½, kept his unbeaten certificate with a six round win over Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 146¾, when referee Tommy Little intervened after Tiedt had taken two counts, and was in no condition to defend himself.

Eddie Beattie, Lightweight Champion of Canada, 136¼, was beaten by Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 137, in the seventh after referee Little had inspected the badly cut nose at the end of the round. A clash of heads during the second round saw Beattie emerge with a cut across the bridge of his nose. This handicapped him considerably till the referee ended the gory seven round battle.

Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 119, scored a convincing points win over Don Cosheril, Guernsey, 119, in eight. Al McCarthy, Romford, 125½, and Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 126½, fought a thrilling battle which ended in the seventh, when referee Harry Gibbs stopped the bout in favour of McCarthy as Blakey was suffering from a badly cut eye.

Maurice Cullen, Durham, 135½, and Ebe Mensah, Ghana, 136¾, fought an interesting eight to a draw. Maurice Laughran, Belfast, 159, outpointed Jim Slattery, Newport, 162, in six. Brian Smith, Porthcawl, 124½, outpointed Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 127½, in six.

▶ **DIGBETH** . . Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 118½, gained a narrow points win over Dennis East, Canning Town, 118¾, in an interesting eight. Ron Gray, Walsall, 176, had no difficulty in defeating Simba Rose, Nigeria, 171½. The latter retired after rising from a count of "nine" in the first.

Terry Edwards, Birmingham, 135½, outpointed Roy Smith, Nottingham, 135½, in eight. Vic Baxendale, Nottingham, 138, stopped Tommy Waterworth, Leigh, 143, in the third. The referee intervened after the latter had taken four counts.

Terry Lavin, Nottingham, 148, knocked out "Prince" Ade West, Nigeria, 149¾, in the third. Steve Gibson, Derby, 155¼, outpointed Kay Dee, Nigeria, 155, in six.

▶ **LEEDS** . . Gert Van Heerden, South Africa, 161, gained a points win over Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 160, in a hard hitting eight. Sandy Luke, Nigeria, 159, and Malcolm Worthington, Crew, 161, fought a hard fought eight with Luke edging out a narrow win.

Gil Neil, Belfast, 139, outpointed Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 131½, in eight. . . . George Paling, Crew, 152, stopped Dennis Smith, Sheffield, 150½, in the fifth. . . . Jackie Abbott, Halifax, 162, outpointed Graham Barnett, Lincoln, 161, in a hard fought six.

▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB** . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 160½, came from behind to gain a points win over Johnny Bowler, Luton, 160½, in a hard fought eight. George Judge, Glasgow, 126, outpointed Billy Secular, Walworth, 127¾, in a fast fought eight.

Bob Nicholson, Farnborough, 166, knocked out Herbie Williams, Cardiff, 177½, in the first. Nick Greaves, Leicester, 127¼, stopped Arnold Bell, West Indies, 127¼, in the fifth. Tony Donovan, Leicester, 149½, outpointed Johnny Dolphin, High Wycombe, 145, in six.

▶ **MANCHESTER** . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 136, was too slippery for Peter Heath, Coventry, 135½, and was a deserving points winner in eight. Harry Scott, Liverpool, 161½, and Ken Harvey, Durham, 162, fought hard throughout their eight rounder with Scott having the better of the exchanges to receive the points verdict.

Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 127, outpointed Andy Doherty, Bradford, 128¾, in eight. Ernie Butterworth, Manchester, knocked out his more experienced opponent Barry Adgie, Derby, in the fourth of a flyweight bout. Al Rocca, Manchester, 127, stopped Billy Elliott, Derby, 132, in the second.

Johnny Gaskin, Manchester, 159½, outpointed Roy McCarthey, Huddersfield, 162, in six. Jackie Harwood, Bolton, 140, outpointed Alf Catton, Preston, 138, in four. Johnny Bacon, Middlesborough, 135, stopped Joe Jacobs, Manchester, 137, in the first.

▶ **SHOREDITCH** . . . Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 135½, gained a third round victory over Ron Hinson, West Ham, 137½, when referee Tommy Little intervened after Hinson had received a badly cut eye from Hollingsworth's right hook.

Brian Bissmire, West Ham, 117½, again boxed a draw with Don Cosheril, Guernsey, 116¾, in eight. Billy Davis, the seventeen year old West Ham featherweight, 127, again showed his brilliant form in outpointing Jimmy Braddock, a southpaw from Birkenhead, 128¾, in six.

Jackie Dillon, Isle Of Man, 123, outpoined Alan Branquet, Guernsey, 124¼, in a punishing six. Jimmy Weedon, Nottingham, 112, outpointed Kevin McGeowan, Poplar, 112¾, in six.

▶ **LIME GROVE** . . . Tony Mancini, Hammersmith, 146, although a clear points winner over Steve Richards, Bermondsey and Hungary, 147½, at the end of their eight, he was nevertheless hard put in the last two rounds to prevent Richards from turning the tables. Fred Elderfield, Hammersmith, 157, did enough to warrant the points win in his favor against Paddy Delargey, Ireland, 161½, in eight.

Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 120 was given a hard battle by Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, 119, till the latter was forced to retire with a damaged eye at the end of the seventh.

Dave Parsons, Northolt, 136½, and Scottish born Sammy McSpadden Fulham, 137½, put up a grand battle which ended in a draw after an exciting six. Domingo Villaroel, Trinidad, 137, outpointed Roy Hill, Hammersmith, 138¼, in six. Don Arnell, South Africa & Fulham, 155¼, stopped Mick O'Neil, Watford, 157, in the second.

▶ **CHELTENHAM** . . . Don Braithwaite, Gaerphilly, 114½, outpointed Billy Colvin, Ireland, 113, in a hard fought eight. Tommy Burgoyne, Pyle, 120, outpointed Costa Lawrence, Nigeria, 122, in six.

Ivor Evans, Bournemouth & Wales, 159¼, stopped Jimmy Assani, Nigeria, 156¼, in the second when the latter received a badly cut eye and the referee called a halt.

Johnny Gribble, Bristol, 159¾, knocked out Fred Albert, Hendon, 159¾, in the second. . . . Joe Summerville, Berkennamstead, 153¼, outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 156, in six. Ken Chadwick, Manchester, 152½, outpointed Jimmy Slattery, Newport, 157, in six. . . .

▶ **LEWISHAM** . . . George Cottle, Bermondsey, 146¾, stopped Gordon Enoch, Nigeria, 148, in the seventh. The referee intervened after Enoch had taken a count of eight, and was in no condition to defend himself.

Pat O'Grady, Bermondsey, 163, scored his eighth straight win, when he forced the referee to intervene during the fifth as his opponent, Andy Barry, Glasgow, 157¼, was in a bad way. Joe Bell, Paddington & West Indies, 159½, knocked out Tommy Colecliff, Glasgow, 160, in the second.

Peter Kane, Isleworth, 146, stopped Paul Mensah, Ghana, 146½, in the second. . . Dennis Smith, Sheffield, 147½, and Ted Sherwood, Wembley, 146½, fought a strenuous six to a draw. . . . Howell Roberts, Wales, 145½, knocked out Ron Hammond, Sheffield, 146, in the fourth.

▶ **LIVERPOOL** . . . Its becoming a habit lately for disgruntled fight fans to spray the ring with programmes and other missiles when the referee's decision does not meet with their approval. Such was the scene after referee Fred Hampston raised the hand of local boy, Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 147, as the winner of a thrilling and gory battle with Jannie Botes, South Africa, 147, at the end of eight hard fought rounds. It was a lucky night for McGrail, who thus kept his unbeaten record in seventeen bouts.

Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 135¼, looked all set for a points win against Dave Coventry, Liverpool, 136¼, in their eight rounder, but the determined Coventry put up a sterling finish in the last two rounds to earn a draw. Mick Leayh, Coventry & Cork, 149, gained a hard fough points victory over Ola Michael, Nigeria, 142, in eight. Ray Shiel, St. Helens, 182, knocked out Sid Cain, Watford, 204, in the fifth. Steve Walsh, Southport, 196, outpointed Eric Fearon, Ghana, 188, in six. George Palin, Crew, 140, outpointed Tony McCann, Belfast, 149, in six.

▶ **CAMBRIDGE** . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 148, was too strong and aggressive for Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148½. The former forced the pace from the first bell and dominated the battle throughout for 8 rounds.

Al McCarthy, Romford, 125¼, conceded 9 lbs. to Eric Brett, Retford, 134½, and won a great all action battle on points in eight. Billy Meek, Shoreditch, 119¼, was unlucky to only receive a draw against Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 126, in six. Meek was the better puncher and always on the attack.

Aubrey Day, Norwich, 128, outpointed Frank Lannon, Wolverhampton, 126¼, in a pleasing six. Trevor Wise, Yarmouth, 137¼, outpointed Domingo Villeroel, Trinidad, 138¼, in four.

George Blazeby, Norwich, 149, stopped Terry Lavin, Retford, 146½, in the second, when referee Syd Nathan called a halt after Lavin had taken considerable punishment. Lacey Stannard, King's Lynn, and Abe Stanley, Bournemouth, fought six rounds in bar room style. How these cruiserweights kept their feet throughout was a surprise. Stanard deserved his points win.

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▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON.** Love Allotey, Ghana, punched his way into The Empire Ratings by clearly outpointing Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, in a hard and fast featherweight eight.

Pat Stapleton, Dublin, repeated his previous points win over Alex Barrow, Nigeria, in a heavyweight eight. Don James, Merthyr, stopped Billy Colvin, Peckham and Ireland, in the third of a flyweight bout.

Brian Smith, Porthcawl, stopped Arnold Bell, West Indies, in the third of a featherweight bout. Ivor Evans, Bournemouth, outpointed Johnny Plenty, Bristol, in a middleweight contest. Terry Harper, Walthamstow, outpointed Joe Falcon, Market Harborough, in a lightweight six.

▶ Boxing fans in these British Isles received a grand Christmas present when the K.O. was handed to Doctor Edith Summerskill and her very few associates who presented a bill to ban boxing in Great Britain.

The reception given to her Bill, was received with laughter. The Bill was defeated by 120 to 17.

BOB O'MALLEY, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Q—How many times did Jake La Motta and Ray Robinson fight? I noticed an answer in a Ring magazine stating five. Wasn't it six?

A—*Yes, six times. We erred. Robinson beat Jake in 10 rounds in New York in 1942. In 1943, Robinson defeated La Motta once and lost once. In 1945, La Motta lost twice. In 1951,* La Motta was knocked out by Ray, who won the world title from Jake.

LOUIS PAGE, CHELSEA, MASS.

Q—Is Johnny Paychek alive? Who was his manager? Where was he born? What is his family name?

A—*Yes, his manager was Pinky George of Des Moines, Iowa. He was born on June 11, 1914 and his correct name is John Pacek.*

MARTIN HURLEY, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Q—In an article in The Ring you state that the California Athletic Commission now uses a five points scoring system. How does this work?

A—*Like that in New York which has a four points system. The only difference is the additional point. A winner gets from 1 to 4 in New York and the loser nothing. A winner in California gets from 1 to 5 and the loser nothing. The points are based on the margin of victory in each round.*

LARRY O'GRADY, CO. CORK, EIRE

Q—When a Ring championship belt is awarded, does it become the property of the boxer? If he loses the title, then regains it, does he get another belt?

A—*Yes, he keeps the belt. If he loses, then regains the title, The Ring presents him with another championship belt.*

GABRIEL DURO, BOSTON, MASS.

Q—You stated in the "Just Ask" Column, that Joe Louis was the retired heavyweight champion. I read somewhere that when a champion retires undefeated and then makes a comeback and loses, he no longer can be called the retired undefeated title holder. Am I correct in assuming that? Also was John L. Sullivan actually the first world heavyweight champion or Paddy Ryan?

A—*The statement made by the writer is wrong. Whenever a champion retires without having lost his crown, no matter how many times he is defeated in comebacks, he still remains the retired undefeated world champion. You must agree with me that when Louis was defeated by Ezzard Charles and knocked out by Marciano, in neither of those fights did he lose the title. He was trying at the time to regain what he had given up.*

As for your second query, neither was the world champion. This is a controversial discussion.

Ryan fought only once before losing to Sullivan, and when he lost, Sullivan gained the American bare knuckle crown. That is all he ever held.

When Sullivan fought Corbett with gloves in the first heavyweight championship bout under such rules, Corbett, the winner, claimed the world title and was generally accepted as such. Many, especially in Great Britain, disagreed, stating that Corbett had won only the U. S. gloves title.

But, since later Corbett knocked out Charley Mitchell, claimant to British honors which Jem Smith also claimed, Corbett strengthened his position. Kilrain had fought a four round draw with Mitchell in 1884 when Mitchell was the top heavyweight in England and Kilrain drew with Jem Smith in London in 1887 in 100 rounds. Thus Corbett definitely had the upper hand.

G. V. ALLEN, LONDON, ENGLAND

Q—Who was the world light heavyweight title holder when Gene Tunney fought Battling Levinsky? Did Jack Johnson win the heavyweight championship from Tommy Burns or from Jim Jeffries? What title was at stake when Tunney fought Harry Greb?

A—*Levinsky and Tunney fought for the American light-heavyweight title only. Levinsky previously had lost to Carpentier in a world title match. When Harry Greb and Tunney fought, only the American title was at stake. When Johnson fought Jeffries, it was Johnson who was defending the world heavyweight title, not Jeffries, who was making a comeback. Johnson won the title from Tommy Burns.*

GEO. LYTLE, VANCOUVER, BC, CAN.

Q—I have a bet on with a friend about who Jimmy Carter knocked down eleven times in one night. He says it was Tommie Thompson, but I say it was either Tom Tibbs or Tom Collins.

A—*It was Carter who dropped Tommy Collins eleven times in their title fight in Boston.*

GORDAN A. McDOUGALL, LAKE BRITON, N. S.

Q—I would appreciate your opinion on the following fight decision: One judge and the referee voted the fight a draw. The other judge voted the decision in my favor. This fight was scored by the round system, not points. Therefore, I was under the opinion, as were many more present, that I had gained a decision, but it was called a draw. Does the majority rule in such a situation?

A—*The majority decisions rule. If two vote a draw, the fight is a draw If each of the officials vote differently, one for A, one for B and the third a draw, the fight is a draw.*

MARGARET FLEMING, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Q—How many ways can a boxing contest be won and lost? I like to watch bouts on television and at the ringside, but often get confused when a referee halts a bout because I don't know why, or don't understand why when the announcement is made.

A—*Here are the answers: 1—By a knockout which signifies that the victim has been knocked out of time. Either the referee counts ten over him, in which case it is called a clean knockout, or the referee stops the fight in which case most commissions call it a T.K.O.*

2—The technical knockout. This is so declared when a referee halts the bout. He does so because of a severe injury or because the victim is outclassed. Many states don't recognize a T.K.O. If a bout is stopped or there is a clean knockout, they record it as a "knockout." The Ring Record Book follows that.

3—By a decision. This is rendered by a referee and judges in most states and in some, like New Jersey, by a referee only. The decision is given to one who is ahead either in rounds or points according to the laws of the state.

4—By a draw. This is given by the referee if only one official is in charge as in New Jersey. If three, then if two vote for a draw, that is the official decision. If the three differ—one a draw, one for A and one for B, then it is also called a draw contest.

5—By disqualification in which case one of the contestants is ruled out because of repeated disobedience of rules, hitting fouls despite warnings or the use of foul language, all of which are covered in the rules of every state commission.

6—A bout may be called "no contest" if in the opinion of the referee or the commission, the fighters fail to give their best or there is suspicious acts on the part of one or both fighters.

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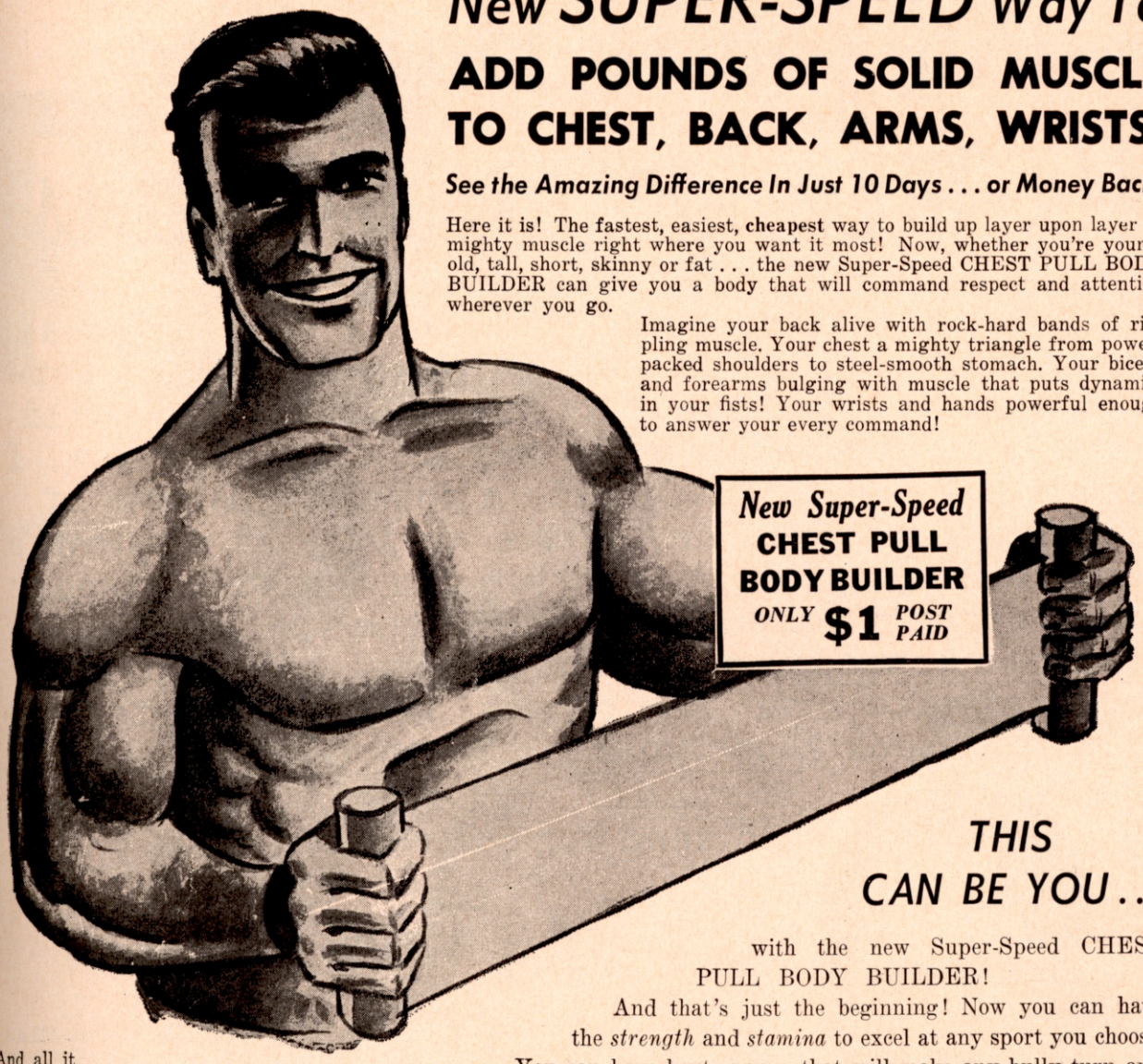

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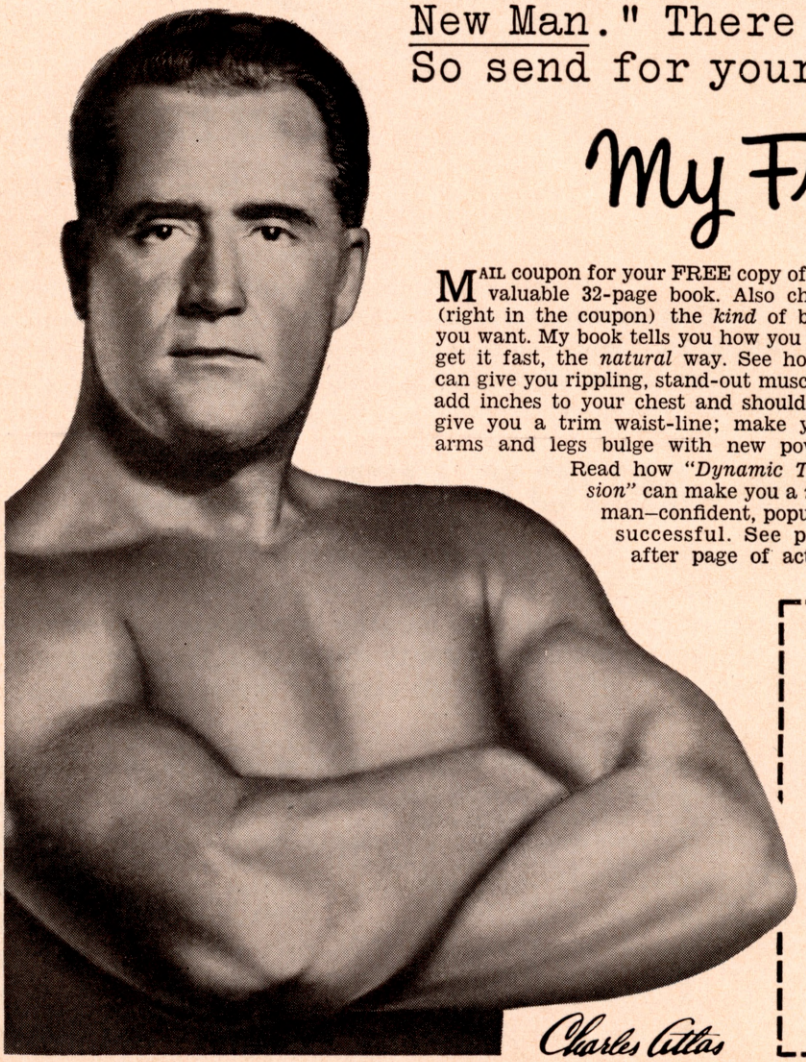

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